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THE SOVIET NOTE TO CHINA.

THREE DAYS GIVEN.

Peking, Jan. 25.
M. Karakhan yesterday received a telegram from M. Chicherin in connection with the Ivanov affair, stating that "the Soviet expects the Chinese Government to take the necessary measures for a peaceful settlement without avoiding investigation of cases of violation of the Chinese Eastern Railway Agreement. We demand, within three days, the restoration of full order on the Chinese Eastern Railway, fulfilment of the Agreement and the release of M. Ivanov." In case the Chinese Government is unable to secure a settlement of these questions by peaceful methods within the aforesaid period, the Soviet asks the Chinese Government to allow the Soviet to secure fulfilment of the Agreement and to protect the mutual interests of China and the Soviet on the Chinese Eastern Railway by its own means.

M. Karakhan presented the above to the Chief Executive and the Foreign Minister and also telegraphed to Marshal Chang Tso-lin. M. Karakhan added: "I ask you for the last time immediately to take steps, firstly, for the release of M. Ivanov and other railway officials; secondly, immediately to suppress all military interference with the railway; thirdly, to fix the amount payable for military transport so that in future it can be made from railway profits to China."—Reuter.

CITY LIKE CAMP.

The Tusa News Agency reports that the southern section of the Chinese Eastern Railway is still closed. The Chinese authorities have arrested all members of the Russians at Harbin, and Chinese detachments have occupied the workers' clubs and trade union premises. The whole city is like a military camp.

EFFECT ON CHINA'S WAR.

Peking, Jan. 24.
While Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang's forces at Lanchow are strongly reinforcing despite the lull in the fighting, it is understood that Marshal Chang Tso-lin has ordered the Manchurians to halt owing to the Russo-Chinese imbroglio.—Reuter.

LONDON PAPER'S COMMENT.

London, Jan. 24.
Giving prominence to the latest turn in the situation in Manchuria, the Daily Telegraph ironically remarks that the Soviet's action is such as might be expected of any "bourgeois" Government whose Treaty rights had been insolently violated and whose nationals were thrown into prison by the exercise of arbitrary power. It adds that M. Chicherin is well aware that the Government in Peking is as unable to influence the actions of Chang Tso-lin, as the Government of Capetown or Buenos Aires.

The Daily Telegraph, emphasising the Chinese uneasiness regarding Russian intentions in Manchuria, refers to the Soviet's original offer to abandon Russia's rights as regards the Eastern Railway and the persistent proclamation by Russian agents that the Chinese ought to be absolute masters within their own territory, and any Treaty imposing limits thereon might justly be treated as a scrap of paper. It concludes by pointing out that M. Chicherin's action cannot be regarded without serious misgivings in Tokyo.—Reuter.

THE BAN ON TOY PISTOLS.

STEP TO PREVENT CRIME.

ARMED ROBBERS' BLUFF.

Behind the Regulation published in a recent issue of the Government Gazette, prohibiting the sale of toy pistols, excepting under a special licence, lies an interesting fact which merits more than passing notice.

No one realises better than the police authorities how difficult the task is of keeping down armed crime in the Colony when faced with the special conditions which obtain locally. Very often it is found that the Chinese population in general is apt to be too frightened at the sight of a revolver, with the result that robbers, taking advantage of this fact, have in the past resorted to a considerable use of firearms. Owing to the strict surveillance which the authorities have at all times exercised over trafficking in arms in the Colony, it is conceivable that only a limited number have been enabled to obtain possession of these weapons, and it has been noticed, in past cases of armed robberies, that a whole gang at the outset of one of these nefarious enterprises have often had to be content with the joint possession of one lone revolver or automatic held by one of their party.

Gradually as the success of these armed robberies became more apparent, owing to the victims being too easily disposed to take an alarming belief in the potentialities of a revolver, came the extensive use of "dummies." The use of the toy pistol in armed robberies was found in the police records to have been first recorded four years ago, since when it has been extensively used. Fashioned to resemble very closely the real article, its effectiveness, particularly in the dark, has been successfully tested time and again by robbers on victims who allow themselves to be easily terrorised.

In conversation to-day with a Police official, it was revealed that seventy per cent. of the successful armed robberies in the past have been carried out with the use of toy pistols. This is a very high percentage, and has caused the police authorities to represent to the Government the necessity of a regulation prohibiting the sale of toy pistols. That purpose having been now attained, in a Government regulation published in the Gazette, the police authorities express themselves as satisfied, in the expectation that this will lead to a still bigger decline in the number of cases of armed crime in the Colony.

TRAM INCIDENT.

PASSENGER FINED FOR ASSAULT.

The story of an attack made on a tramcar motorman was revealed at the Central Police Court this morning, when the second Magistrate heard a charge of assault against a Chinese.

The complainant, who appeared with a red bruise on his right cheek, said when the tram, which was proceeding in a westerly direction, was near the Lai Wah Company's shop, the defendant asked him to stop, but as that was not an official stopping place, he refused to do so. When the car stopped at the Sincere Company, the defendant struck him on the cheek, jumped off, and ran away, but was arrested.

The defendant said that the tram stopped by the Central Market, but went on again before a lady had had time to get out. He remonstrated with the driver, who tried to strike him in the stomach, but defendant warded off the blow, which finished up on complainant's own face.

Defendant was fined \$10.

MURDER CHARGE.

CHINESE CONSTABLE IN COURT.

SHOOTING SEQUEL.

At the Central Magistracy this morning, before Mr. R. E. Lindsay, there was a sequel to the shooting affair near the Volunteer Headquarters on Friday night. A Weihaiwei constable, named Hsu Yuan-hua, was charged with the murder of an Indian constable, named Gulam Mahomed.

Detective Inspector T. Murphy, during the course of a statement, brought out the fact that, two days before the tragedy the prisoner had a fight with another Indian constable on the same beat as the deceased, with the result that the Indian was sent to hospital and was to have been discharged yesterday.

In reply to the magistrate, Inspector Murphy, after describing the duties of the deceased and the prisoner of the night of the shooting, said that deceased did not make any statement, before his death, which would throw light on the affair, except that the prisoner struggled with him and shot him. That statement was made in the presence of the Indian sergeant on traffic duty between Garden Road and Lower Albert Road to whom the accused had reported the shooting. It was made in Hindustani in the presence of the prisoner, but, said Inspector Murphy, it was in a language which the prisoner could not understand.

The Inspector went on to state that after the shooting, the prisoner went to the point where the Indian sergeant was on traffic duty, which was some fifty yards from the spot where the shooting took place, and reported the affair to the sergeant.

Asked by the Magistrate the exact locality where the affair occurred, Inspector Murphy replied that it was near the Colonial Secretary's Office, just off the pathway and inside the entrance to the Volunteer Parade Ground. It was very dusty at this spot, and the marks of a struggle were very evident. Continuing, he said the Indian traffic sergeant had been questioned as to whether he heard any shot, as also were two British soldiers who came up to the station later, but all of them replied that they had not heard anything. The traffic sergeant accompanied the prisoner to the spot where the struggle had taken place, and he was undecided at first whether to send for an ambulance or a chair, but finally he got a chair in which the deceased was taken to the Police Station. Accompanying the sergeant was another Indian constable and prisoner, the latter following in the rear of the chair. The prisoner accompanied them into the charge room, and later he (Inspector Murphy) was summoned from the Police Ball, arriving some fifteen or twenty minutes later to investigate the case. Dr. Patterson was also sent for to make an examination of the deceased, but when he arrived the constable was dead.

Asked by the Magistrate exactly the hour at which the deceased died, Inspector Murphy said he must have been dead before he arrived at the station, because when he (the Inspector) examined him, the body was already cold. Continuing, Inspector Murphy said the bullet entered the deceased's right hip above the groin, passed horizontally through the body and lodged under the skin at the back, from which it was later extracted, severing two main arteries on the way, causing hemorrhage and external bleeding, from which death resulted.

The Inspector added that the prisoner, in the charge room,

MORE STUDENTS FOR MOSCOW.

FIFTY READY FROM KWANSAL.

WAITING FOR MONEY.

Recently, the Kwangai Authorities invited 50 students to take examinations for entrance into the Sun Yat-sen University at Moscow, says the Canton Gazette. The examinations took place at Kweilin, Nanning and Wuchow. It was decided that on January 5, the students would sail for Canton from Wuchow. The students were in readiness to start at the fixed date; but in the meantime, information was received from Canton that the third term students for the Sun Yat-sen University had deferred their journey and that a preparatory class was to be established. For this reason, a meeting was held at the Wuchow Students Association which was attended by over 40 persons who considered that the postponement would affect the Wuchow students. The participants expressed different opinions. Many were in favour of at once proceeding to Canton in order to enter the Class with the Canton students. Some were in favour of directly proceeding to Moscow without coming to Canton, while others approved of preparing themselves in Wuchow for the Sun Yat-sen University in the meanwhile. The chairman could not express an opinion, as the authorities were responsible for the expenses of sending the students to Moscow, have not as yet granted the money, and the matter will be held over until Civil Governor Wang Shao-hing's arrival at Wuchow.

A Committee of seven has been appointed to deal with all affairs.

"YOUNG SCOUNDREL."

CHINESE LAD'S REVENGE.

Described as a thorough young scoundrel, a youth was sentenced to six months' hard labour this morning at Kowloon Magistracy, on a charge of assaulting an elderly Chinese on Saturday.

The defendant had appeared on two previous occasions before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, the Magistrate, involved in quarrels which resulted in a fight. On Saturday he was ordered to receive twelve strokes of the cane for assaulting a woman, and this morning, it was stated in evidence that the defendant proceeded to the complainant's house and assaulted the husband in revenge for the wife's prosecution on Saturday. When in the charge room at the Yau-mat Police Station the defendant created a disturbance and made desperate attempts to escape from custody.

complained of feeling pains in his body and was examined by Dr. Patterson, who found an abrasion below the right knee, a scratch on the arm and what appeared to be a slight scratch or abrasion on the face. Beyond this, there were no injuries. Prisoner made no statement; in the charge room, but later he said there had been a struggle.

Inspector Murphy explained that the holster of the revolver issued to the prisoner was without a disc, and that fact complicated matters if it was assumed that the revolver had accidentally gone off. Explaining this, the Inspector said that pressing on the trigger while the revolver was in the holster would not have discharged the bullet, even if the hammer was at full cock, as it was only by pulling the trigger with the finger that the bullet would be discharged.

The accused was formally remanded for one week.

"RED" MEETING.

BIG GATHERING AT CANTON.

BORODIN'S SPEECH.

Much prominence is given in the Canton Gazette to a gathering held in the Canton University grounds, at which a crowd of several thousands was stated to be present, to do honour to the memory of Liebknecht, Rosa Luxembourg and Lenin. Among the speakers was M. Borodin, the Soviet representative. There were in all three specially erected platforms, across one of which was displayed a long streamer bearing the words "Long Live Leninism!" Thousands of handbills and portraits of Lenin and the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen were distributed, and the programme included the reading of the late Dr. Sun's political will, together with "Revolutionary slogans."

One of the speakers was Mr. Kan Un-han, who lauded Russian and German revolutionary leaders and stated that there was a striking similarity between M. Lenin and his party and Dr. Sun and the Kuomintang, adding that the Communist Party in Russia and the Kuomintang Party in China were getting stronger every day.

The Principal speech was delivered by M. Borodin, who was received with great applause. He said: "The country where Lenin was born, lived, fought and died was a country of the poor, a country of peasants and workers, who had nothing for themselves, no rights except to toil and sweat for the benefit of a small privileged class and for the foreign imperialists. Under his leadership, the revolutionists and the toiling masses of Russia raised the banner of revolution—overthrowing the parasitical classes as well as the foreign exploiters. Since then, the masses came to know, love and venerate him and his party. The Imperialists set the whole world against Revolutionary Russia. Armed intervention, blockade, intrigues, calumnies—they tried every means to crush the revolution. But they failed. While fighting against imperialism, Lenin told the Russian people: 'The peasants, workers, the poor masses of these imperialist countries also suffer. They are our friends. Let us get together to overthrow our common enemies: the exploiters.' He said it, he did it, he fought for it. And his call has been answered by millions of toilers of the world whose leaders—guided by Lenin—formed the Third Internationale. Relentlessly, courageously, members of that Internationale fight, suffer and sometimes die for the people. Thousands of our comrades suffer in other countries. But none are discouraged. Lenin fought not only for the people of all the provinces, and we found that all sympathize with emancipation of the proletariat and the peasantry but also for the freedom of the oppressed countries of the world. He said to the Western proletariat: 'We cannot destroy completely imperialism and capitalism without an alliance with the colonies and semi-colonies. Let us help them. Let us conclude with them a united front.' Your great leader, our great leader, Dr. Sun was first to answer this call. And international imperialism was doomed the day these two leaders joined hands."

M. Borodin, concluded: Comrades! Let us unite under the banner of our great leaders! Let us continue their brotherly alliance to complete the revolution which they started. Let us work hand in hand to make the world happier!" Many students, soldiers, and women addressed the meeting.

A GAMBLING SWINDLE EXPOSED.

FANTAN CROUPIER'S ROD TRICK.

COURT DEMONSTRATION.

To those who are conversant with the process of the game of fantan, the croupier's stick used for counting the "chips" is a familiar detail.

But it was left to a privileged few, fortunate enough to be in Mr. R. E. Lindsay's Court this morning, to discover an unexpected feature in regard to at least one particular stick wielded by an astute fantan promoter in Causeway Bay. This implement was not different in its appearance from the slim wooden rod usually seen, but it had two component parts which fitted into each other so well that even a close observer would have failed to detect that this arrangement concealed a little hollow large enough to contain a little bean used as counters in the game.

A demonstration was carried out in the Court, in which with an almost imperceptible turning of the hand, the parts of the stick were opened to disclose a cavity from which a bean dropped out.

This little bean may make all the difference in the result of the game, with the odds tremendously in favour of the croupier if he is dexterous enough to work the swindle without detection. And from the facility with which the operation was demonstrated, it would appear that the risk was one which could be accepted with confidence.

This ingenious implement was captured by Inspector Field in a raid on a gambling school conducted within a building in course of erection at Repulse Bay. As a good look-out was kept, the coming of the police officers was signalled to the inmates, and the "school" dispersed before the officers had come within reach. The croupier and other officials escaped, and only two of the gamblers were caught. These men handed over bail of \$5 each to the Inspector, but kept away from the Court when their case was called this morning.

The Magistrate issued an order for the restraining of the bail money as well as a sum of sixty-nine cents which were left by the gamblers on the table.

FANLING BURGLARY.

GOLF CLUBHOUSE BROKEN INTO.

For the second time within a few weeks, the men's clubhouse at Fanling golf course has been burgled.

On Saturday night, soon after one o'clock, one of the members staying out for the week-end, was awakened by the sound of someone in his room and he saw a Chinese just about to leave the room. He gave the alarm, threw back the mosquito net and chased the intruder, who, it appears, was accompanied by another man. The thieves made good their escape by hastily climbing down the bamboo scaffolding which is now round the building. All the members staying in the Clubhouse joined in a general hunt for the burglars, but the men must have known the locality well for they made a clean get-away.

An examination revealed that most of the rooms had been entered and rifled. Altogether the thieves got away with over \$70 in money, two watches and some clothing.

CANTON SUCCESS.

HOW KIUNGCHOW WAS CAPTURED.

FLEET OF JUNKS.

In connection with the landing and the capture of the city of Kiungchow by the Canton Army, a report is to hand which states that a few days after the New Year, the junks which were commandeered and at anchor in the ports of Chu-man and Hai-an, began to withdraw gradually as though with the idea of escaping compulsory service, but in reality they were under secret orders to make for Shuitung on an inlet north-east of Kwangchow Wan. It was from this port that General Chang Fat-fai set sail with two regiments under his command. The junks, which were towed out into open sea by steam launches, proceeded on a south-easterly course, and rounded Hainan Point and under the cover of fog which prevailed at the time. They sailed into the bay between the Point and Cape Mofu, and dropped anchor in shallow water on the evening of the 17th inst. In the early hours of next morning, the troops landed, and, without delay, advanced and captured Poo Chin, a weakly defended market town, about 10 miles from Wen Chang city and a little over twenty miles from the city of Kiungchow which fell on the 19th inst. to the invaders.

It will be seen that the fortunes of war have smiled on the Canton forces in the south-west campaign from the beginning, without the necessity of having to fight battles of the severity of those which were fought in the East River sector. It is now hoped that a new era of peace, order and reconstruction work may now dawn in Kwangtung and that the project of the "Conquest of the North" may be set aside. To maintain an army of 300,000 men is not considered a great burden to the people of Kwangtung and Kwangsi, with Hainan Island in addition. In the present stage of the country's development the revenue from the two provinces, collected by a properly administered Government, would be sufficient to maintain such a large Army and to defray all other necessary expenditure. The authorities hold that at present a large standing army is necessary in order to prevent invasions from other provinces.

It is reported that General Pak Shung-hee, who defeated that portion of Hsiung Keh-wu's forces which had remained in Kwangsi, have arrived at Wuchow to participate in the coming military conference at which Mr. Wang Ching-wai and General Chang Kai-shek will attend. It is also stated that General Li Chung-yan, after his arrival at Wuchow, has successfully negotiated with the representative of General Tang Sang-che, Garrison Commander of Southern Hunan, who will also participate in the coming conference. General Fan Shok-sang and the representative of the Tupan of Kweichow are expected to arrive shortly.

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YACHTING.

A LONG DAY'S SAILING.

Brenda Wins Third Cruiser Race.

The course for the third cruiser championship race, sailed yesterday, was round Cheung Chau from the Yacht Club, a distance of 25 miles. The race started at 10.30 and the first boat to finish crossed the line at a little after 5 p.m., the majority coming in after 6 p.m. It was a long day's sail in which all sorts of weather and luck visited the various competitors. Eventually Brenda won on corrected time, with La Cigale second and Coquette third. The cutter from H.M.S. Titania, sailed by Commander F. Ratsey, was actually first on corrected time, but, of course, she does not come into the championship. However, she sailed a very good race and deserves commendation for the fine show she put up.

The Start.

The start was in force three wind, U. and I made a wonderful start and was well down the harbour before the others. She stood well to the north and had a long lead when the harbour limits were reached. La Cigale was then second. A junk sail in Sulphur Channel showed there was plenty of wind in that direction and the boats lagging behind immediately made for it and did well thereby, heading straight for Cheung Chau, when they emerged, with a quite good wind behind them. The order was then La Cigale, U. and I, Norseman and the Titania cutter in company, Coquette, Brenda, Mist, Lady Jean and Tavy. At this point U. and I met with very bad luck.

U. and I's Bad Luck.

In taking a jibe to alter her course to the south a little, the sail struck the cross trees and made a hole with which the wind at once started to make merry. The result was that the sail split clean across and had to be lowered. A balloon jib was set as a trysail and the crew worked wonders to get the damaged canvas repaired. As a result an attenuated mainsail was eventually hoisted and gave very good service. The wind began to fall as Cheung Chau was reached and behind the island there was a bad patch of water. Catspaw and calms altered the whole complexion of the race and opinions differed as to what course to take.

Altered Courses.

La Cigale headed north and went up to Peng Chau. Coquette went north but outside the islands, while the others hung about just outside the Dumbell Island waiting for the wind to revive. Brenda was farthest south and went further to look for the wind. She proved to be lucky and made up an enormous amount of time when she caught a south wind. La Cigale was by that time between Kau-i-chau and Stonecutters, with Coquette midway between and the rest of the boats to the southward, with the exception of Mist, which was back near Peng Chau.

Nearing harbour limits again an east wind was picked up. La Cigale benefited first, Coquette next and the remainder at intervals. However, it proved very lucky and on the whole the boats which kept near Stonecutters were best off. In middle harbour there were annoying calms and catspaws but nearing the finish the wind freshened and a finish in good style was made possible. La Cigale was first home, followed by Coquette and Brenda. The Titania cutter was fourth in, having sailed a remarkably good race. U. and I was, of course, behind owing to her tattered mainsail, but she did remarkably well and her crew, deserve congratulation for the way they overcame difficulties which would have sent less determined mortals out of the race altogether.

OBITUARY.

CARDINAL MERCIER OF BELGIUM.

Well-known War Figure.

Brussels, Jan. 23.

The death is announced of Cardinal Mercier, *Reuter*. [Cardinal Desire Mercier was born at Braine l'Alleud in 1851, so that he has died at 75 years of age. He was Professor of Philosophy at Louvain University, 1882-1906. He founded the Institute of Philosophy and the Revue Neoscholastique. In 1907 he was made Archbishop of Malines and a Cardinal, and he was Belgium's spiritual leader when the War broke out. His experiences at the hands of the German invaders in 1914 are still fresh in the memory. The Cardinal published a number of standard philosophical works.]

Mr. W. E. Pease.

The death has occurred of Mr. William Edwin Pease, M.P.—*Reuter*. [Mr. W. E. Pease was born in 1865, eldest son of Mr. Edwin Lucas Pease of Mowden, Darlington. He was a Director of the Cleveland Bridge and Engineering Co., Darlington; the Consett Iron Co., and Durham and N. Yorks. Public House Trust. He had been M.P. for Darlington, in the Conservative interest, since 1923.]

A Good Winner.

Brenda was a good winner. Unfortunately she was not out in the first race and so does not stand very high in the championship. After the third race and with two more to go, the leading place are taken as follows: Coquette, Norseman and La Cigale.

The details are given below in the order of crossing the line.

Hep on Finish—Corrected Time and Time
La Cigale 2nd ser. 5.14.20 5.14.29
Coquette 3rd 37.00 6.10.28 5.32.58
Brenda 1st 75.00 4.28.18 5.05.20
Norseman 41.40 6.23.18 5.41.38
Titania cutter 112.30 6.28.54 4.36.24

U. and I 18.45 6.30.05 6.11.20
Mist 66.40 6.32.27 5.42.47
Tavy 125.00 7.48.17 5.43.17

Lady Jean did not finish the course.

Points to date for all boats are as follows:

Coquette 37, Norseman 35, La Cigale 34, U. and I 28, Tavy 24, Brenda 21, Lady Jean 14, Mist and Azuma 9, Isis 8.

R.A. v. Navy.

A very interesting sailing event took place on Saturday between teams representing the Navy and the R.A. Mess. Six boats took part, it being entirely a private event. Lieut. Colonel Coates was unable to sail and his place in the R.A. team was taken by Sub-Lt. Vereker. On Saturday morning the course was from the R.A. Pier at Lyemun out to a mark in Junk Bay and back again, when the boats came in in the following order: Thecla (Sub-Lt. Vereker, Army) 7 pts., Adele (Lt.-Col. H. B. Gunn, Army) 5 pts., Boojum (Surg.-Lt. Brown, Navy) 4 pts., Joan (Commander Ratsey, Navy) 3 pts., Pierrette (Rev. Scott, Navy) 2 pts., Lola (Capt. Cardew, Army) 1 pt. Army 13 pts., Navy 9.

In the afternoon the course started at the same point and was round the Lyemun Beacon and out to a mark in Junk Bay and back, two rounds being sailed. The finish was as follows: Boojum (Comm. Ratsey, Navy) 7, Pierrette (Rev. Scott, Navy) 5, Joan (Lt.-Col. Gunn, Army) 4, Adele (Sub-Lt. Vereker, Army) 3, Thecla (Capt. Cardew, Army) 2 and Lola (Surg.-Lt. Scott, Navy) 1.

Thus the match was all square on the day, the Navy winning the afternoon event by 13 to 9.

RUGGER.

IRELAND WINS INTERNATIONAL EVENT.

France Fails to Score.

London, January 23.
Ireland beat France at Belfast to-day by 11 points to 0. The match was played before a crowd of 15,000 and in boisterous and showery weather. For the first twenty minutes, play was mostly among the forwards. The French pack repeatedly got possession from the scrums and brought off one or two good passing movements. Ireland improved and after 27 minutes Davey worked through in great style and passed to Stephenson, who scored a try, which Hewitt converted. Shortly before the interval, Stephenson kicked a penalty goal. Half time—Ireland 8 points, France 0. On the resumption, Ireland made good attacks. In stopping one of these Ribeyre, a French forward, was hurt, but soon resumed and went to the three quarter line. For a time Ireland were hard pressed, but after a quarter of an hour Stephenson gathered the ball splendidly and ran in and scored a try which was not converted. Following this Ireland more than once had anxious moments, but the Frenchmen lacked finishing power. Result—Ireland 11 points, France 0.—*Reuter*.

THE SCHOONER PICTORIAN.

WHY LIQUOR SMUGGLER WAS SEIZED.

The "One Hour from Shore Pact."

New York, Jan. 23.
How the British schooner Pictorian, which was seized by Coastguards 14 miles from Long Island in September with 600 cases of liquor on board, comes to be the first vessel confiscated under the "one hour from the shore pact" by orders of Federal Judge Sheppard, is explained by the Government's contention that a motor launch capable of 16 miles an hour was captured after she had obtained the liquor from the Pictorian, thus putting the latter within an hour's distance of the shore.—*Reuter's American Service*.

SWIMMING.

NEW WORLD'S RECORDS.

Buffalo, Jan. 24.
Walter Lauffer has established what are claimed to be two new world's swimming records for the hundred yards and hundred metres back stroke, covering the distances in 65 seconds and 71 1/5 seconds, respectively. Walter Spence won the hundred yards breast stroke in 68 2/5 seconds, also claimed to be a world's record.—*Reuter's American Service*.

GOLF.

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED.

Sarazen Wants to Meet Mitchell.

Miami, Jan. 23.
Gene Sarazen, the winner of the American open championship in 1922, has accepted the challenge made on behalf of Abe Mitchell. Sarazen has posted \$2,500 in the local bank and cabled Mitchell suggesting an early meeting preferably at Miami.—*Reuter's American Service*. [Golf Illustrated offered to back Mitchell to the extent of \$500 against any American professional, the match to be played in Great Britain.]

British Golfers' Heavy Defeat.

Sarasota, Florida, Jan. 24.
The British golfers, Massey and Compton met with their most thorough defeat since coming to the United States, at the hands of Bobby Jones and Tommy Armour, by a score of eight up and seven to play at the twenty-ninth hole.—*Reuter's American Service*.

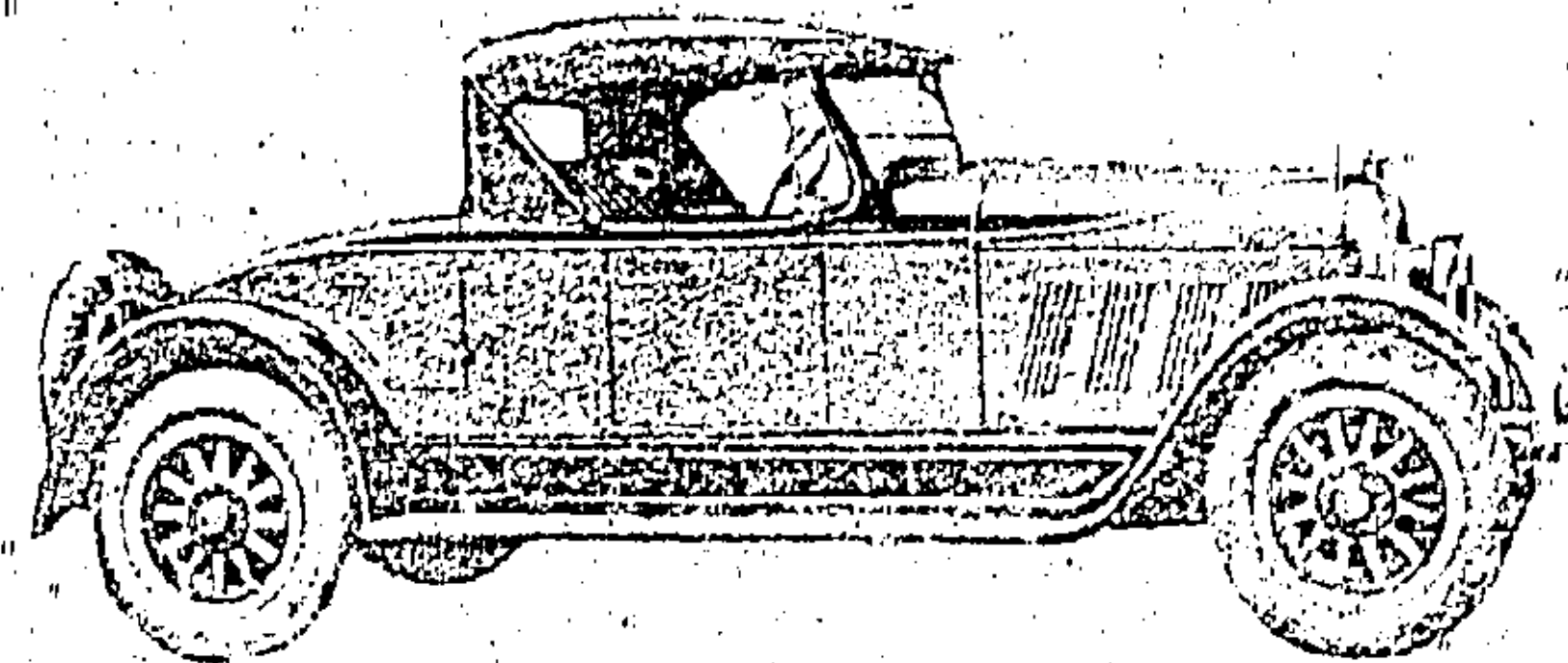
LAWN TENNIS.

CLUB DE PARIS BEAT QUEEN'S CLUB.

Paris, Jan. 23.
In the annual lawn tennis match between Queen's Club and the Sporting Club de Paris, the latter won by eight matches to three.—*Reuter*.

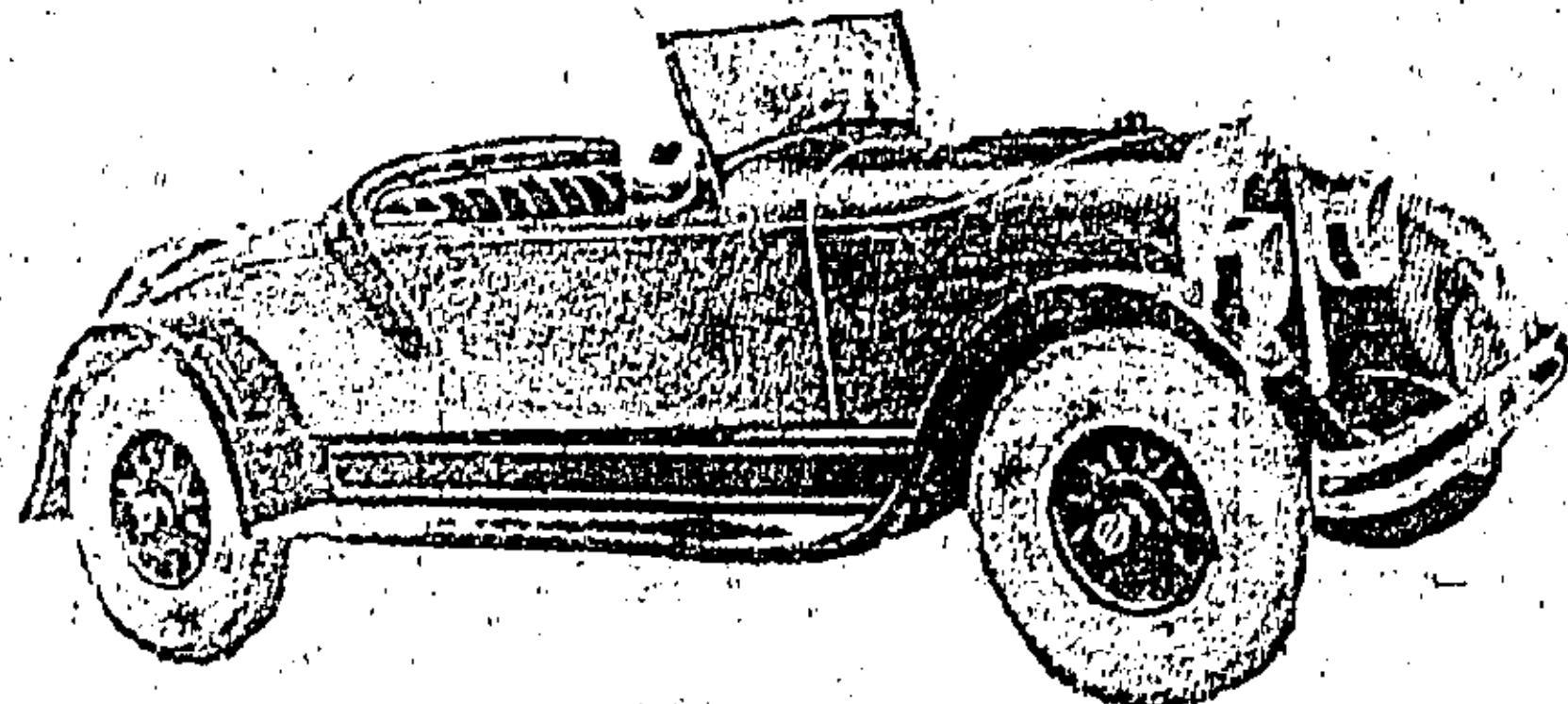
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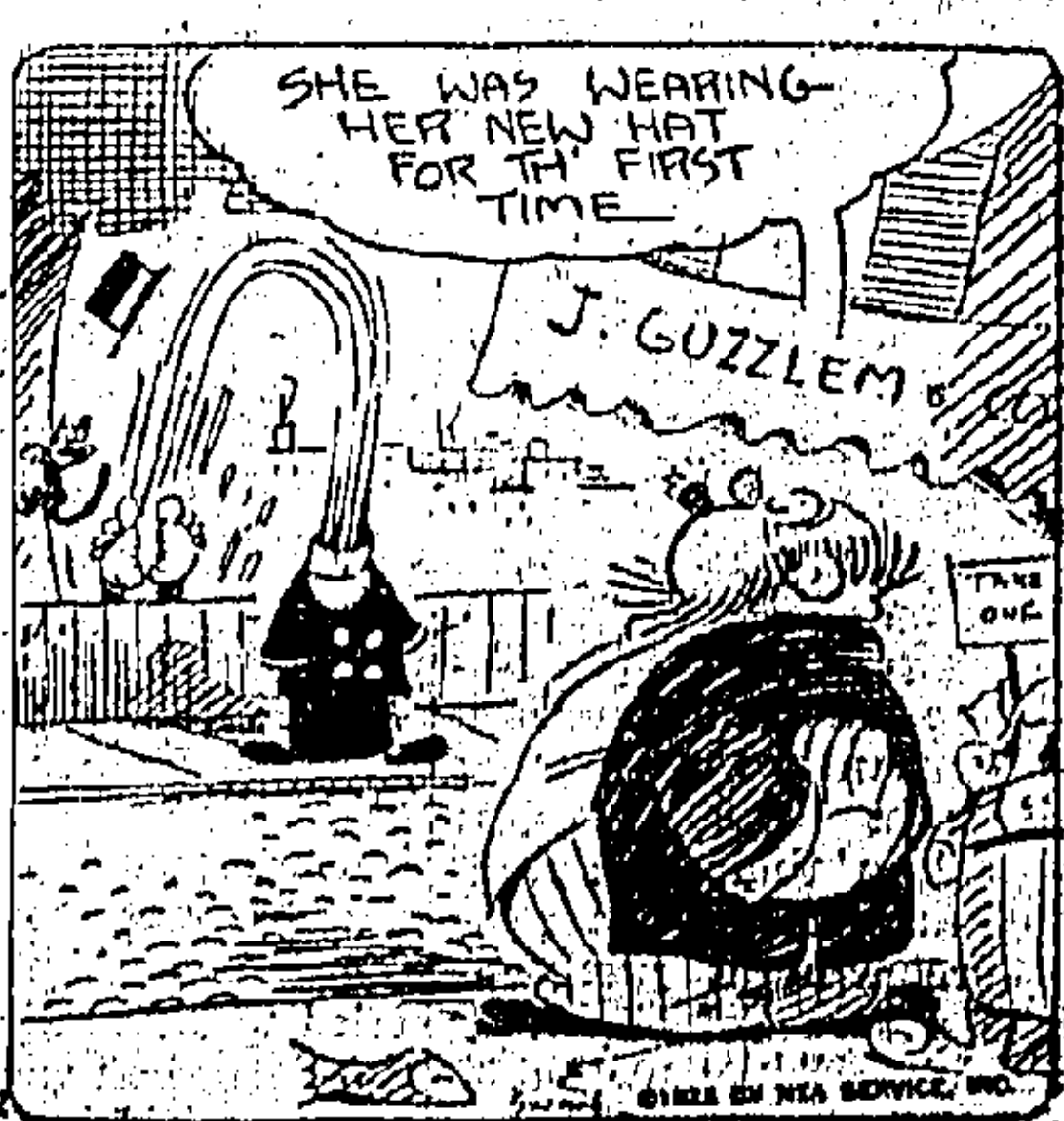


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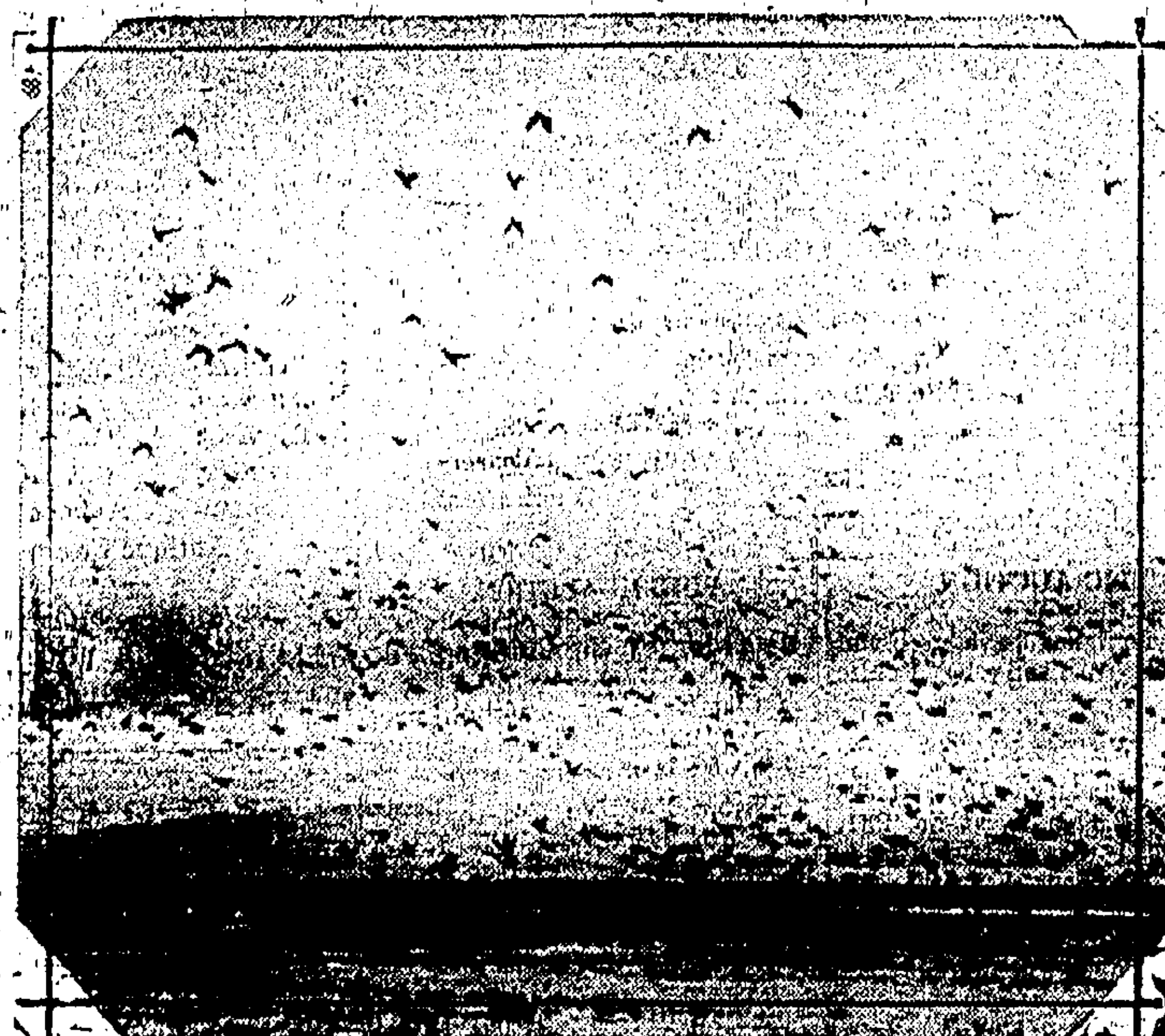
Horse Racing (Arrows point to the toy horses used.)



A "Swimming Breakfast".

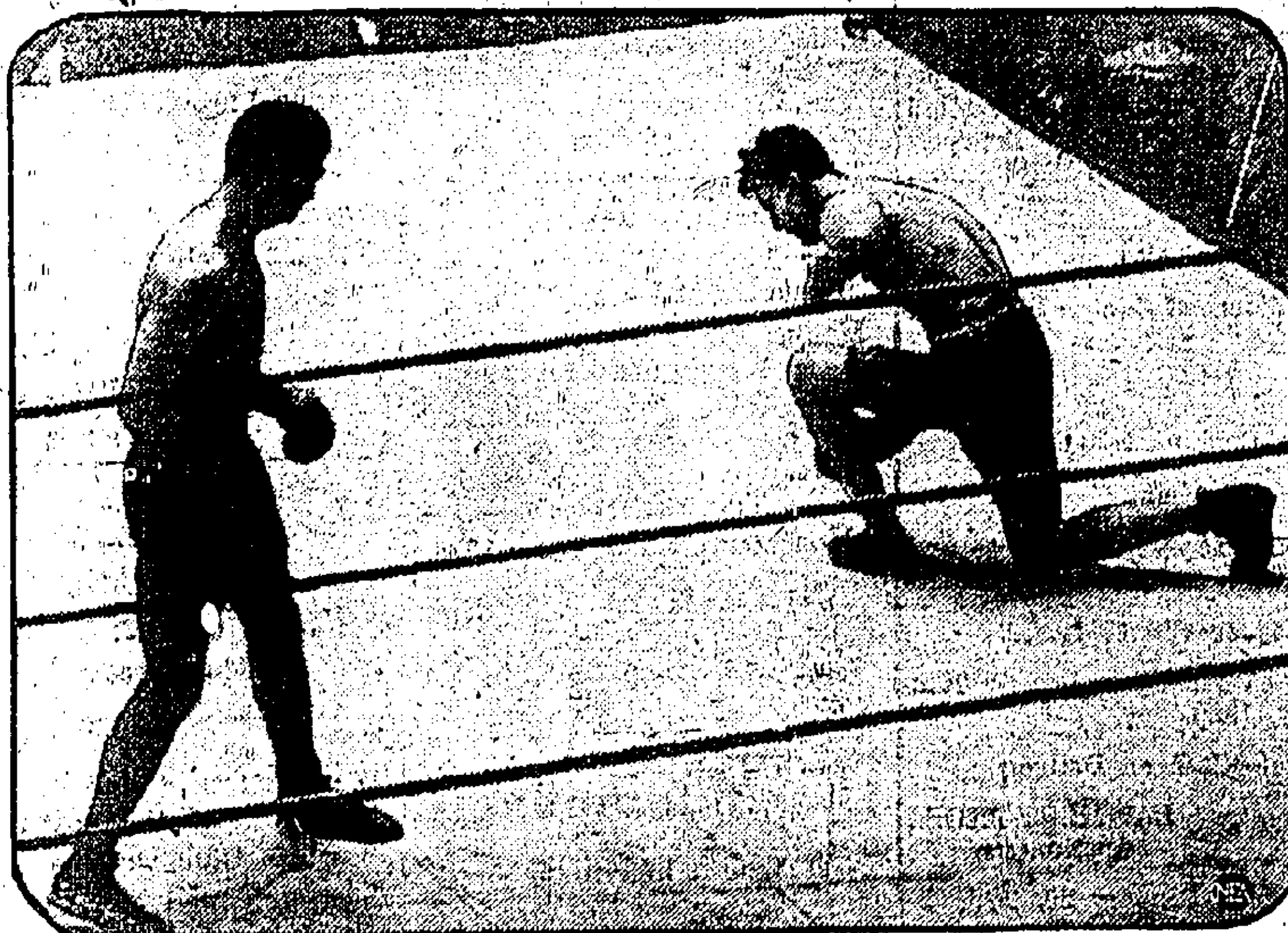
The above three pictures show tourists on board the s.s. Belgenland, enjoying deck sports.

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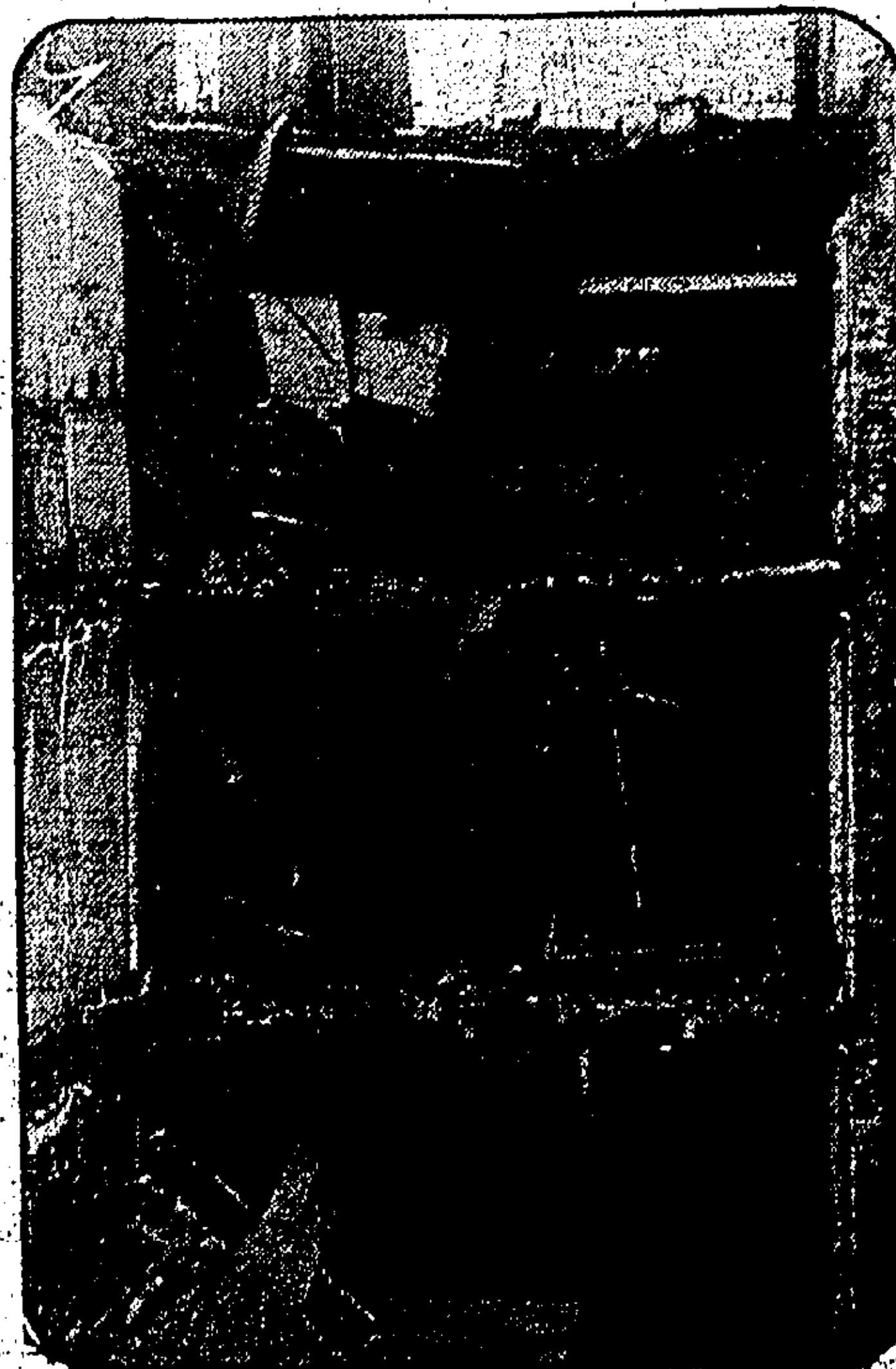
This picture of thousands of mallards, at Duckville, California, will cause Hongkong sportsmen to sigh a little.

Delaney Down in the Sixth.



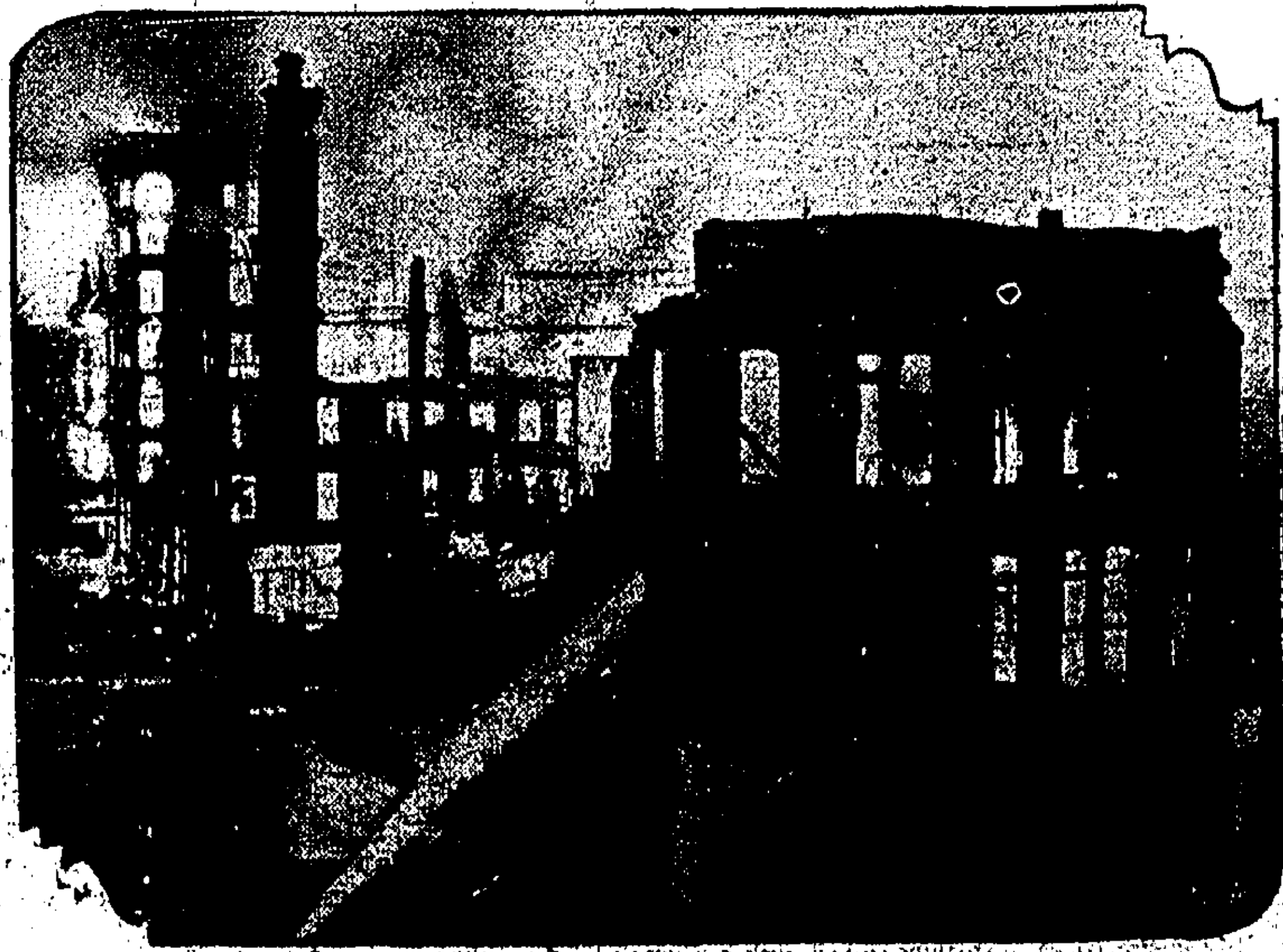
Paul Berlenbook retained the light heavyweight championship of the world by defeating Jack Delaney at Madison Square Garden, on points. The photo shows Delaney rising after he slipped without being struck in the sixth round.

Seven Caught in Crash.



Seven workmen were injured, one fatally, when they were buried under tons of brick and plaster in the fall of this building, just off Fifth Avenue, New York. Faulty shoring under the walls is believed to have caused the accident.

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HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Annual General Meeting of the Members of the above Society will be held on THURSDAY, 28th January, 1926, at 5.30 p.m., in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd.
All Ladies and Gentlemen interested in Horticulture, whether Members of the Society or not, are cordially invited to attend.

AGENDA.

To receive and pass the Committee's Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1925.
To Elect Officers and a new Committee for the current year.
To Fix the date of the Annual Flower Show.
To discuss any matters of interest to Horticulturists in Hongkong and outlying districts.
E. B. C. HORNELL,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 15th January, 1926.

MISCELLANEOUS.

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Hongkong, January 25, 1926.

NOTICE.

Notification is hereby given that Mr. Yeung U. Tin is no longer employed by this Company, and further, that monies now due and owing to Struthers and Barry must not be paid to him from and after this date. Any amounts paid after publication of this notice will be considered as though they had not been made. All payments should be made to the Office and no receipt will be valid unless signed by the Agent.

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Hongkong, Jan. 22, 1926.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd. on WEDNESDAY 27th January 1926 at noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1925.

The REGISTER of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, 15th January to Wednesday, 27th January, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
L. S. GREENHILL,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 7th January, 1926.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

LAMMERT BROS.

Sale of Salvage ex "Hongkong Hotel Fire" consisting mainly of
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Hongkong, January 25, 1925.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on WEDNESDAY,
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The British Industries Fair, the largest annual trade fair in the world, is to be held simultaneously at London and Birmingham from 15th to the 26th February, 1926. Different groups of trades will be shown in each city. This is not to be confused with the British Empire Exhibition, now closed. It is a buyers' fair, and is organized by the British Government Department of Overseas Trade and the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce. Practically all the important industries will be represented. Invitations to the Fair have been sent to 150,000 buyers in various parts of the world.

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EMPIRE RELATIONS

SECURING A PERMANENT POLICY.

Rugby, Jan. 23.

The Dominions Secretary, Mr. L. M. S. Amery, in a speech last night at Edinburgh, emphasised the importance of Inter-Imperial trade, which he described as the material and moral basis for co-operation in everything else. Empire co-operation and economics must be considered as a whole. He pointed out that since the war the Dominions were consulted regarding all vital questions of foreign policy, and he instanced the success of the Imperial Conference that had been held.

As to the future they had to keep in mind the rights of the Dominions, both in respect of their status as nations, equal in the Empire with Britain, and of their claim to be consulted.

In one respect things had changed enormously in the last few years. Before the war practically no information was sent to the Dominions about foreign policy, but now through the Dominions Office all available information was supplied to them from the Foreign Office day by day. Last year 200 telegrams and 600 reports were sent out.

It could not be said now that Britain pursued any foreign policy without endeavouring to keep the Dominions fully informed. In Australia the Prime Minister, Mr. S. M. Bruce, had set up a special department to deal with such co-operation and New Zealand was doing the same.

Some day wireless telephony might help to bring them in to close touch, but as yet personal conferences between representatives of the Governments were the best means of dealing with vital questions.

Discussions were now proceeding as to when it would be practicable to hold the next Imperial Conference. It was difficult to bring leading statesmen together as frequently as desirable.

Perhaps they could do what the League of Nations had done and fix definite intervals. Less important business might be done at meetings of deputies. Their aim must ever be to secure a permanent Empire policy.—British Wireless.

BRITISH RADIO.

A HUGE INDUSTRY.

Rugby, Jan. 23.

It was stated at the Government committee on wireless telephony broadcast-casting that in Britain the industry for providing wireless sets, which only came into being about four years ago, now employed some forty thousand people directly.

The turnover in wireless goods last year was from £10,000,000 to £12,500,000.

It was declared that British wireless manufacturers had been able to launch out into the world's markets with their apparatus, owing to their reputation for turning out efficient and reasonably priced goods.—British Wireless.

SIR A. CHAMBERLAIN.

SATISFACTORY RECOVERY.

Rugby, Jan. 23.

Reports from Rapallo, where Sir Austen Chamberlain has been staying with his family, state that the British Foreign Secretary has made a satisfactory recovery from his attack of influenza. He is leaving Rapallo next Tuesday for London where he is expected to arrive on January 29th. It is probable he will make a short break in his journey at Paris and is likely to see M. Briand there.—British Wireless.

Rugby, Jan. 24.
Sir Austen Chamberlain, who for more than a week has been confined to his rooms at Rapallo owing to influenza, has now completely recovered and will be able to leave for London on Tuesday. It is reported that a luncheon, at which the French President and M. Briand will attend, has been arranged in his honour on Wednesday, when the British Foreign Minister will break his journey in Paris.—British Wireless.

AMAH GIVES TROUBLE.

FINED \$15 FOR TRESPASS.

Allegations against an amah, that she tried to stir up discontent among servants working for Mrs. F. B. Silva, at 18, Ice House Street, 2nd floor, were made during the hearing of a trespass case which was heard before the second Magistrate at the Central Police Court this morning. The amah was charged with unlawfully trespassing on the premises. Mr. M. K. Lo appeared for the defence.

The complainant, in the witness box, said the defendant, previously worked for her niece, Mrs. H. H. Taylor, and left her employ about five months ago. While the defendant was working for her niece, she was never allowed on complainant's premises as she used to tell the servants that they were underpaid and could earn better money elsewhere. Yesterday morning the defendant entered her servants' quarters by a back entrance, and said she had come to see Mrs. Taylor about some needles. When she was told that she ought not to have entered the premises, she became insolent, and refused to leave the house. Complainant then telephoned for the police.

Cross-examined by Mr. Lo, Mrs. Silva said she had witnesses in Court, and after Mr. Lo remarked they ought not to have been in Court, his request that they be sent outside was acceded to. Continuing his examination, complainant admitted she was told by one of her own servants that the defendant had come about some needles. She denied she tried to put the amah out of the house straight away. She did not threaten to get the amah locked up. When the amah wanted to leave, she told her husband to stand in a certain spot to prevent her until the police arrived.

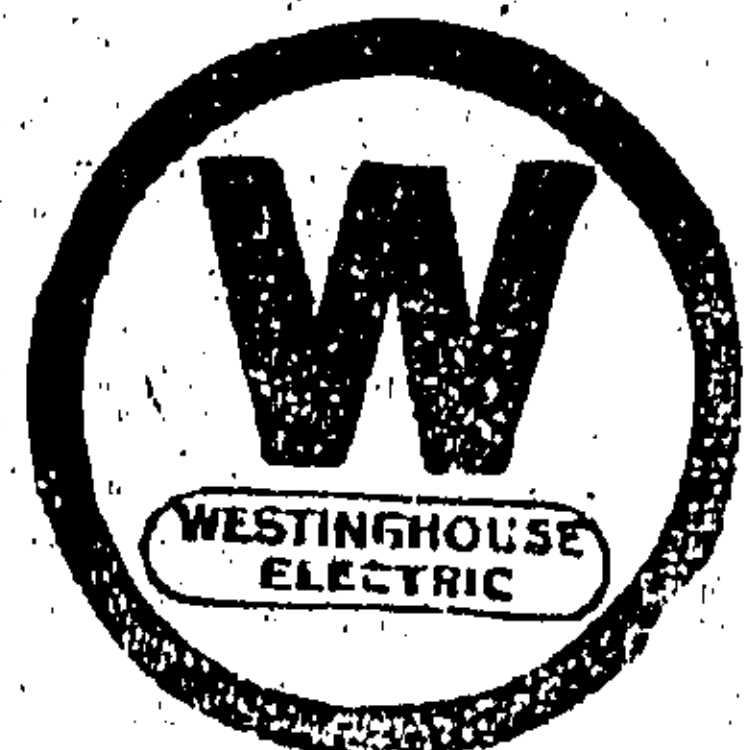
Mrs. Taylor said when she was living at 20 Peak Road, the defendant was employed by her, but she knew nothing about any needles. A Chinese servant employed by Mrs. Silva said yesterday morning she asked the defendant what she wanted, and when she was told, she called Mrs. Taylor, who said the defendant had left nothing at her house.

DEFENDANT'S STORY.
The defendant in the witness box said when she left the employ of Mrs. Taylor she lost a set of needles, and Mrs. Taylor promised if they were found she would send them back to her. Yesterday morning she saw Mrs. Taylor in the Cathedral, and went home with her. When Mrs. Taylor had entered by the front door, she went in at the back and asked about the needles. Immediately Mrs. Silva came and tried to put her out. They sent for the police and after she had waited for an hour and no policeman had arrived, she tried to go, but Mr. Silva dragged her back, and threatened to strike her. Defendant denied she had tried to cause trouble among the servants, and that she had been told not to go on Mrs. Silva's premises. She said that she followed Mrs. Taylor from the Cathedral.

Mr. Lo submitted that the evidence showed clearly there was no question of trespass. If a person went to a house to make lawful enquiries, that was not a trespass. The fact that the amah had lost a set of needles had not been disputed. He considered that the whole of the trouble arose because of the tyrannical attitude adopted by Mrs. Silva. There was no question of her staying when she had been told to go, as she was detained on the premises against her will.

A fine of \$15 was imposed.

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RUGBY FOOTBALL.

GREAT GAME AT THE VALLEY.

Club and Navy Draw.

A big crowd watched a thrilling rugby match in the second game of the series between the Navy and the Club on the Hongkong Football Club ground at Happy Valley on Saturday afternoon. From the kick-off until the final whistle, the game was full of exciting incidents and, with enthusiastic encouragement from their respective supporters, the players went all out, providing a fast and interesting game, much to the liking of the spectators. It was one of the best rugby games witnessed at the Valley for a long time, and the result, a draw of six points each, accurately represents the run of the play.

The first match of the series was won by the Club.

Saturday's teams lined out as under, with Commander Coltart in charge:
Club:—Armstrong, Easterbrook, Stewart, Lloyd, Lammert, Morrison and Ralph; Forsyth, Ralston, Foster, M. Smith, L. Smith, Lee, Beveridge, and Millar.
Navy:—Tel. Mortimer; Lt. Nicholson, Lt.-Com. Lyle, E.R.A. Tinker, E.R.A. Rothwell; Lt. Grant and Lt. Gibbons; Lt.-Com. Bower, Pay-Lt. Hussey, Lt. Edmonstone, Pay-Lt. Allen, E.R.A. McTaggart, E.R.A. McDonald, Lt. Farrant, and A.B. Acott.

The Navy, who had strengthened their forward line considerably since the last meeting, opened strongly, compelling the Club defence to be on the alert to prevent them from getting through. The Club forwards showed up prominently with some fine rushes, and following a promising run by Lammert, the game resolved itself into a gruelling tussle between the opposing forwards. The Club pack did some fine work in the tight, but there was a lack of combination behind. A score seemed certain when Lammert, cleverly securing the ball from a faulty pass, raced away, with only the fullback to beat. He found the Navy custodian in rare form and was brought down neatly.

The Navy halves were prominent, and frequently set their three-quarters in motion. The latter's combination and handling were much superior to the Club's. Gibbons opened the score, following a nice run of passing among the Navy backs, Tinker beating several opponents before transferring to Gibbons, who went over in the corner. The kick at goal failed.

In subsequent play, the Navy attacked strongly, but there was no further scoring up to the interval.

On the restart, Lammert got away and touched down, but was recalled for an infringement. The forward battle continued, hard knocks being given and received, stoppages being fairly frequent. Thanks principally to the forwards, the Club gained a secure footing in the Navy twenty-five, and Lammert was nearly through, being bundled into touch a few yards out. From the line-out, Hongkong secured their first try, M. Smith going over near the corner. The try was not converted. Hongkong were back again after the kick-off, and Lammert, securing a pass intended for a Navy player, ran through the opposition and scored a good try. Stewart failed to add the extra points.

The Navy then had a turn, and were awarded a free kick in a good position. Mortimer's successful kick making the scores level. From then onwards, the Navy went all out to win, but there was no further scoring. Result: Club, 2 tries (six points); Navy, 1 penalty goal, 1 try (six points).

CHINA AND RUSSIA.

ORIGIN OF DISPUTE.

Peking, Jan. 23.

While the Russian claim for payment for transportation of Chinese troops was legal and logical, it was made at an unfortunate moment, for immediately afterwards the Hailujiang Tupan began to send troops to Mukden in response to Chang Tso-li's urgent request. Unable to comply, the Tupan marched his troops thirty miles to the head of the new Tsitsihar railway, over which they travelled. When returning from Mukden, the Tupan applied for military transportation on the Chinese Eastern Railway and was informed that the cost was 28,000 gold roubles, whereas the Chinese considered 4,000 the proper rate. Consequently, the troops again travelled on the new line. This incensed the Chinese and led up to the present impasse, a settlement of which is most difficult.

Although the present Peking administration is friendly disposed toward the Soviet, Peking has no means of forcing Chang Tso-li's obedience. The Chinese, however, do not believe the Russians will bring in troops owing to the danger of Japanese intervention, although 7,000 Soviet troops are now close to the Chinese border.—*Reuter.*

Alleged Provocation.

Peking, Jan. 23.

The Russian official Tass Agency received a message from Harbin on January 21st which says the Chinese military forces resumed their outrageous actions in connection with the Chinese Eastern Railway. M. Ivanov therefore ordered, temporarily, a complete suspension of traffic on the southern section. Chang Huan-shiang has tried to involve the Consuls in this matter, but up to the present has failed.

A Consul of a certain Power approved Chang Huan-shiang's actions and expressed confidence that he would have a sufficient force to compel the management to resume traffic. The provocative meaning of this is obvious.—*Reuter.*

Karakhan Demands Satisfaction for "Insult."

Peking, Jan. 23.

Chinese military authorities yesterday arrested M. Ivanov, the Soviet General Manager of the Chinese Eastern Railway and also three departmental chiefs. Ivanov was taken to the Chinese military headquarters.

The Soviet military attaché had previously arrived at Harbin and had been arranging Soviet military transportation from the Eastern to the Western sections of the railway. In this connection it is reported that the Soviet Ambassador has telegraphed Chang Tso-li threatening to occupy the railway with troops.

The Chinese have now appointed a White Russian engineer as manager of the southern section and are themselves selling tickets and running trains southward to Harbin.

The Soviet Embassy states the arrest creates a most serious situation and constitutes a grave insult. M. Karakhan has protested to the Waichinpu demanding the immediate release of Ivanov, and reserving the right to return to the matter of the arrest and demand satisfaction for an unheard of violation of the agreement of 1924.—*Reuter.*

Release Ordered.

Peking, Jan. 24.

The Foreign Ministry has telegraphed to Chang Tso-li ordering the release of Ivanov.—*Reuter.*

COBBHAM'S FLIGHT.

Broken Hill, (N. R.), Jan. 24.
The airman, Alan Cobham, arrived here.—*Reuter.*

THE WORLD COURT.

SENATORS INDULGE IN INCESSANT ORATORY.

League Described as Offensive and Defensive Coalition.

Washington, Jan. 23.

Opponents of the World Court have been holding the floor in the Senate by incessant oratory. Thus the Government is somewhat concerned, as apparently the delegates must sail not later than February 6th. To-day, including Senator Borah, they indulged in a sort of oratorical marathon, a wide range of international problems being covered.

Mr. Robinson, the Democratic leader, announced that the rule limiting debate would be invoked unless an agreement for fixing the time of the roll call was reached.

Senator Reed delivered a remarkable speech of several hours yesterday. He said it was time America awoke to "the horrible facts" that an offensive and defensive coalition of fifty-five nations was being formed. The League of Nations existed to make war on the United States should the latter attempt, resort to arms to enforce her rights without the consent of the League. Senator Reed declared: "If the people understood this, there is not a county in the United States in which soldiers would not be drilling within forty-eight hours."

The *New York Times* advises Vice-President Dawes to cease his campaign against the rules of the Senate, because the Senate itself, by persistently blocking public business, is the best argument for the necessity of revising them. It declares the Senate has already made itself appear a "helpless, drifting and futile" minority, taking advantage of absolute rules, and threatens to prevent not only a vote on the World Court, but also passage of the Tax Bill before March 15th.—*Reuter's American Service.*

COMPANY REPORT.

Bank of East Asia.

The report of the directors of the Bank of East Asia, Ltd., states: The profit for the year, including \$123,080.27 brought forward from last year, and after paying all expenses and charges and providing for other contingencies, amounts to \$323,415.57. From this amount an interim dividend of \$3 per share on 50,000 shares (\$150,000) has already been paid, leaving a balance of \$673,415.57 available for appropriation, which the Directors propose to deal with as follows:
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SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN.

ABLE TO TAKE HIS FIRST WALK.

Rapallo, Jan. 24.

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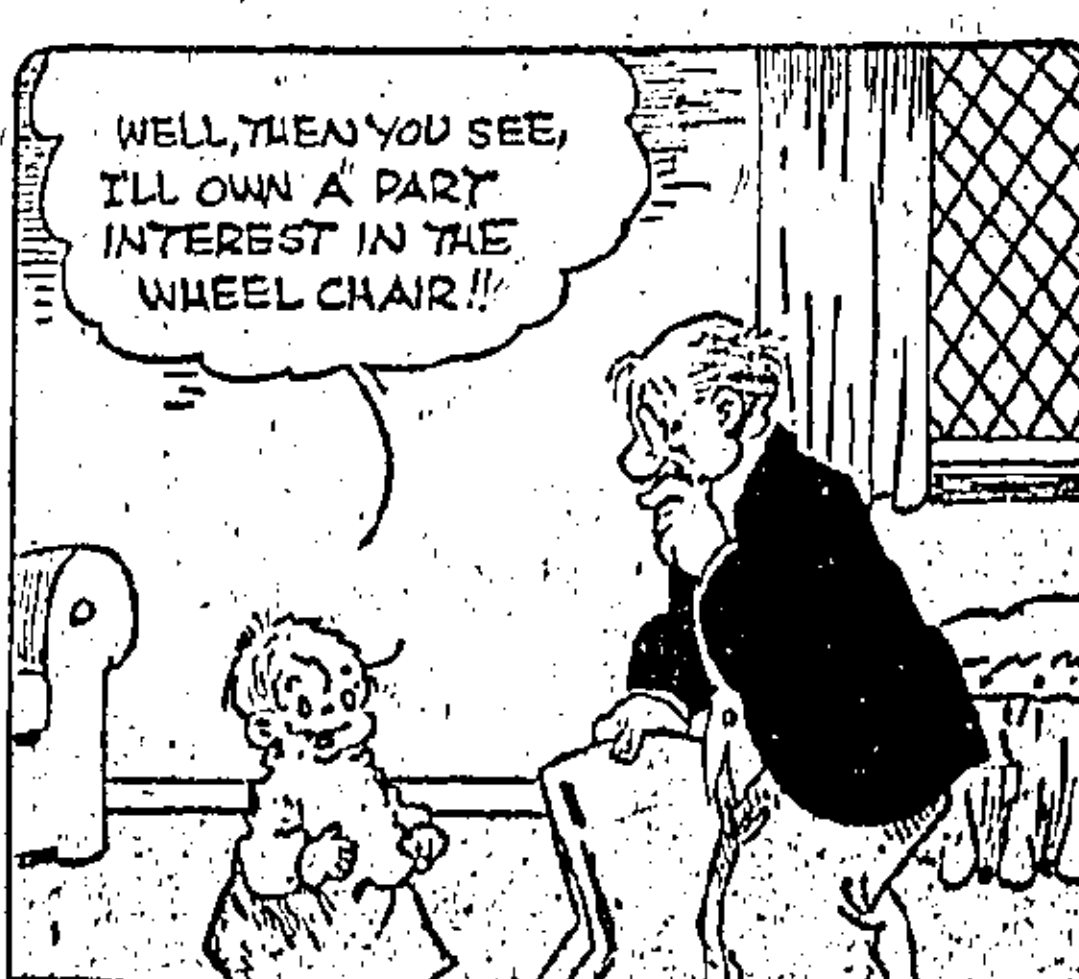
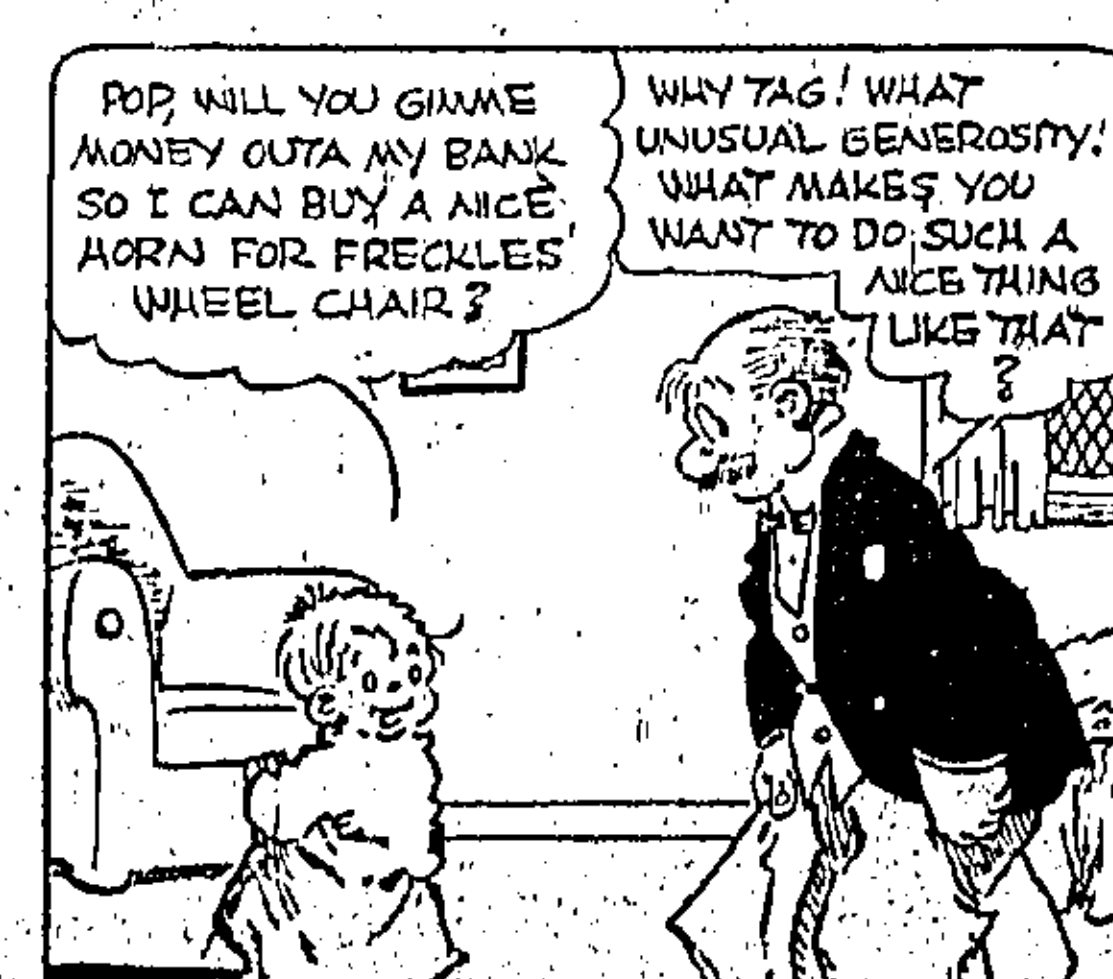
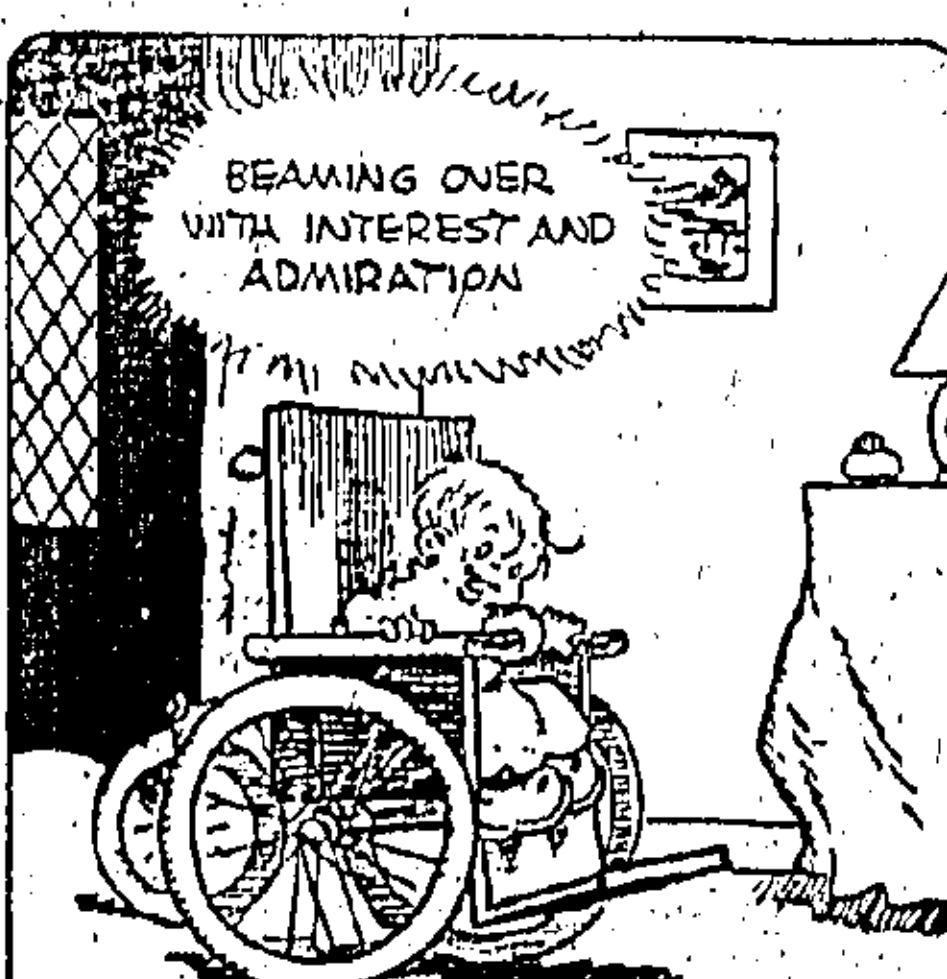
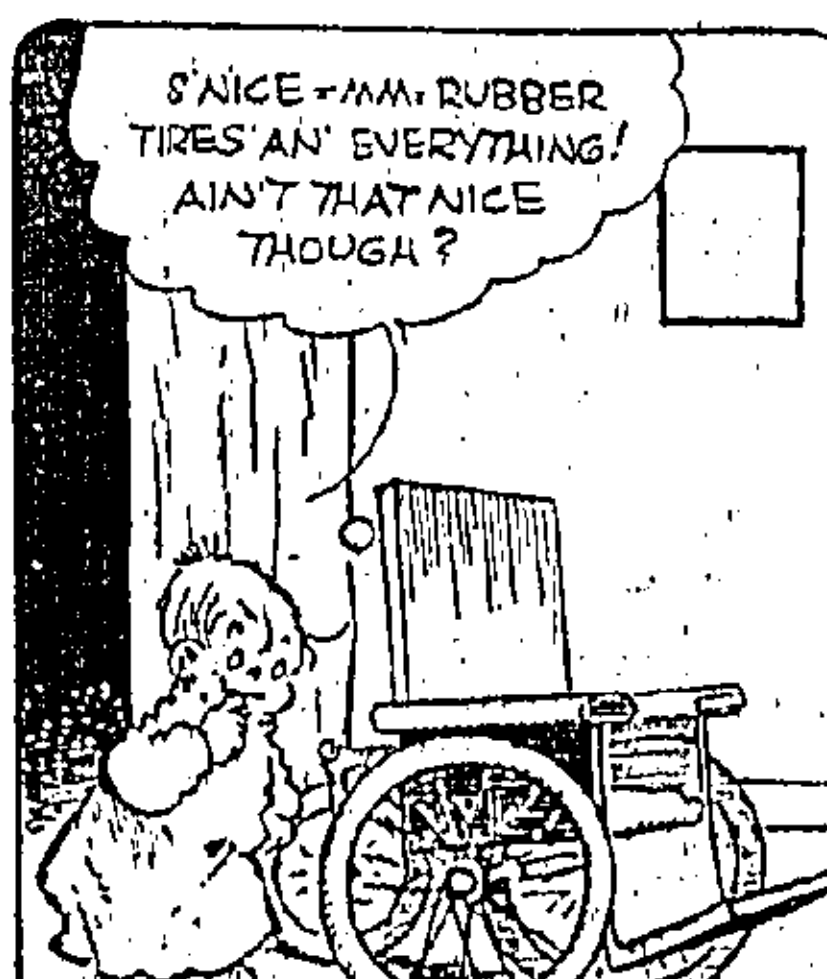
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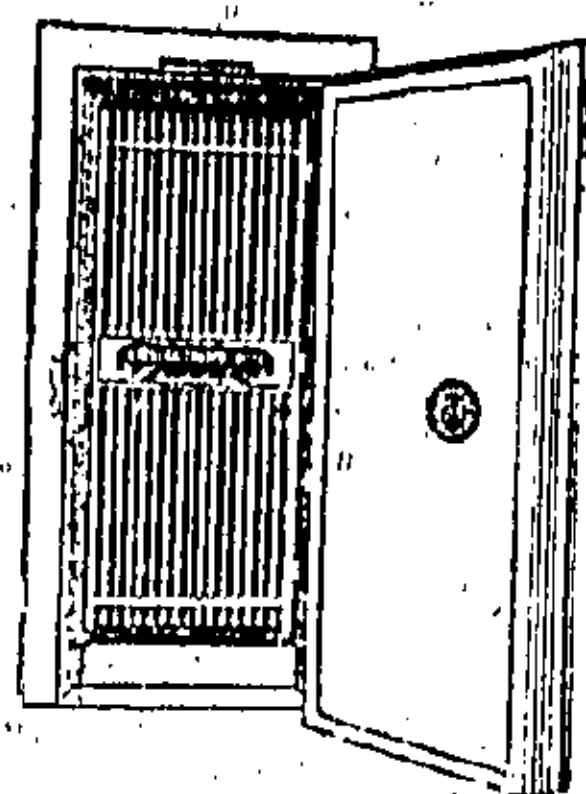
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The Telegraph

MONDAY, JAN. 25, 1926.

ROBERT BURNS.

Here in far-off Hongkong, as in many other parts of the world, Scotsmen will foregather to-night to honour in fitting manner the immortal memory of their National Bard. To the true Scot, Burns is not a name, but a far greater significance than St. Andrew's Day ever can, for it serves as the occasion on which to recall the debt which the literature of not only Scotland, but of the whole world, owes to the great poet whose genius is more universally acknowledged to-day than ever it was before. Remembering, above all else, that Burns wrote for mankind, and not for a favoured few, it may be pertinent to ask whether he is read nowadays as he was, say, a generation ago. For the sake of our elders, let us qualify the query thus: Do young folk read Burns? According to book agents, Burns' works are still good sellers, but the same might be said of Sunday School prizes, which, however excellent in some respects, scarcely come within the category of real literature. Looking at the matter quite dispassionately, one is rather inclined to agree with the writer who feared that the young man of to-day tackles Burns in a breezy, irresponsible manner, picking out the salacious passages and imagining by so doing that he has captured the poet's soul. For such as these, the rest of Burns' writings, with its majesty of thought, its breadth of humanity and its perceptive nationalism, mean very little. Yet Burns is essentially a young man's poet. The story of his struggle towards artistic perfection would, if well told, make a Samuel Smiles lecture appear decidedly anaemic. The popular conception of Burns as a gifted but uncouth and untutored ploughman is ridiculously wrong. True, he had no schooling to speak of, but he had a passion for learning that refused to be damped by poverty and restricted opportunities. Every spare penny went on books, and in the fullness of his power his self-

taught education took him above the average, even the average of to-day. He relished Moliere in French, and one of his orders to an Edinburgh bookseller was for cheap copies of Johnson's dramatic works, Bon Johnson's, Dryden's, Congreve's, Wycherley's, Vanburgh's, Cibber's or any dramatic works of the more modern Macklin, Garrick, Foote, Colman or Sheridan. Is the culture reared on such a fare to be despised? So to the young man of to-day we would say: Get to know your Burns. His writings will provide the best of all antidotes to much of the trash that masquerades as literature in these restless days. What is more, they have a message for all time. As has been said of classic literature in general, Burns' work has acquired a new significance, long after the conditions in which it was written have passed away, and it keeps, undiminished by handling, the original noble imprint of the mind that first minted it, so that, as generation after generation rings the coin, it ever returns the echo of its father-spirit.

War "Guilt."

Proof that Germany's appeals for a lessened military force of occupation in the Rhineland and for the privilege of governing one of the mandated territories is all in line with much responsible thought in England and France, is forthcoming in the fact that in both countries manifestoes have been drawn up and signed by a large number of distinguished men and women suggesting that the "war guilt" and "war criminals" clauses of the Treaty of Versailles should now be dropped. Significantly enough, the suggestion originated in France, a manifesto, signed by many eminent French men of letters, appearing in responsible journals. The signatories do not press for a revision of the Treaty, which, after all, might be dangerous and impracticable but they ask the various Governments concerned publicly to announce their intention to disregard the offending clauses. This French manifesto has been followed by a British one on practically identical lines. Certain financial provisions of the Treaty have already been scrapped and there should be no insuperable difficulty in agreeing to ignore clauses of the Treaty which offend. The clauses in question are obviously one-sided and unjust, they serve no useful purpose, and their retention is out of harmony with the spirit of Locarno. The Governments of Europe must get back to a state of mutual friendliness; Germany must be left as free as possible of foreign troops; she ought to be trusted with a Colonial or mandated territory to provide an outlet for her colonising genius, and she should not have it left against her as an accepted fact that she alone was responsible for the war and for "crimes" under it. We have passed the day when it was necessary to preach that:

AMERICA & FRANCE.

DEBT SETTLEMENT HOPES.

Washington, Jan. 23. The speeches of President Coolidge and M. Berenger, during the presentation of credentials are favourably commented on. Official circles see in it the affirmation of a reciprocal desire to arrive at a definite settlement. M. Berenger will to-morrow interview M. Mellon officially, after the debates in the Senate on the International Court and the ratification of the agreements on the subject of foreign debt settlements.—Indopacif.

Paris, Jan. 24. M. Berenger has declared himself ready to discuss the consolidation of debts with the Commission.

The Petit Parisien states that M. Daeschner, on arrival at Havre, stated that the Americans are anxious as the French, to see a solution of the problem.—Indopacif.

DAY BY DAY.

LIFE'S JOY LIES IN DOING, AND THE ACT OF PURSUING IS THE PRIZE.

The Rev. C. B. Shann was a passenger by the outward bound s.s. Korea Maru.

The P. & O. s.s. Kashgar, from Hongkong, arrived at Marseilles on the 23rd January, at 7 p.m.

Among the departures by the Khyber were Capt. R. Ritchie, Major and Mrs. E. A. H. James, Capt. W. W. Hipkin, Capt. A. J. Scott, Lieut.-Commander H. H. Rodgers, Lieut.-Commander P. Jones.

The Belgenland tourists are due to leave Hongkong at 5 p.m. to-day. They have one and all been delighted with their stay in the Colony. The big liner is to leave on another world cruise in December next.

A man charged with possession of over six hundred dollars' worth of opium was remanded by Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning on a bail of \$6,000. Mr. Leo d'Almada on behalf of Mr. C. A. S. Russ, making an application for an adjournment.

Amongst the passengers who left by the Empress of Canada were Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Aucott, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Costello, Mr. Allan Cameron, Mrs. G. F. Haslam, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kew, Mr. S. J. Hicks, and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Yates.

At half past nine o'clock this morning, four men, one of whom was armed with a dagger, entered the first floor of No. 37, Argyle Street, Yau-mati, and attempted to ransack the premises. The alarm was raised by the tenants of the ground floor. The men took flight and made good their escape before the arrival of the Police.

On Wednesday morning, at 11.30 a.m. a school Confirmation Service, in connection with the Diocesan Boys' School, will be held at St. John's Cathedral, when fifteen Candidates will be presented for confirmation. The service is open to all and especially to parents, godparents, Old Boys and friends of the school.

THE FRENCH BOURSE.

LATEST NEWS OF STRIKE.

Paris, Jan. 23. Le Matin has interviewed M. Jacob, the Syndic of Exchange Agents, who stated that the strike was caused by the exasperation of seeing attacks on movable stocks of the Bourse which are paying very heavy taxes. He thinks the transactions will be resumed on Monday, but the clerks affirm that they will take steps if the warning of yesterday does not suffice.—Indopacif.

Transactions on the Bourse will be resumed on Monday. The Marseilles Bourse will cease work on Tuesday.—Indopacif.

BANKNOTE SCANDAL.

AN IMPASSE REACHED.

Paris, Jan. 23. The Franco-Hungarian negotiations on the subject of the false bank notes resulted in an impasse, the Hungarians declaring that the facilities accorded to French police agents and French bank representatives for the enquiry already exceed possible limits.—Indopacif.

EXCHANGE RATES.

Rugby, Jan. 23. To-day's exchange rates are as follows:

Paris	100
Brussels	106.95
Amsterdam	12.10 1/2
Berlin	20.40 1/2
Copenhagen	19.62 1/2
Vienna	34.52
Helsingfors	103 1/2
Lisbon	2 1/2
Buenos Aires	40 15/32
Shanghai	8 1/2
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New York	4.83 1/2
Geneva	25.17
Milan	120.4
Stockholm	18.16
Oslo	23.91 1/2
Prague	194 1/10
Madrid	24.52
Rio	7 13/32
Bombay	1/0 11/32
Hongkong	2 1/4
Silver Spot	80 1/2
Forward	30 15/16

British Wireless.

FRENCH PROBLEMS.

M. BRIAND'S FIRM STAND.

Paris, Jan. 23.

All the newspapers have reproduced the declaration of M. Briand, underlining the principal passages. They consider generally, with L'Ouvre, that the impression in the lobbies is that numerous Deputies would have wished that M. Briand and M. Doumer had insisted on putting to the vote the articles which appear to them as being the only ones capable of assuring the equilibrium and straightening out the Budget. However, L'Ouvre concluded by stating that M. Briand clearly indicated yesterday that he will not always be an impartial observer in the financial debates, and it is expected that he will throw his influence in the balance as soon as the two Assemblies have decided matters.

The Echo de Paris says M. Briand has succeeded already in rendering less dangerous the opposition of the Finance Committee whose project is criticised even by numerous Cartellists. In persisting, M. Briand will force the Chamber to admit its capacity and it will be easy for him then to make the ideas of the Government accepted.

L'Ere Nouvelle approves M. Briand's attitude.

The Groups of the Senate, in a meeting to nominate the candidates of the Grand Committees, considered the political situation and blamed the impolicy of the Chamber. M. Chaumet, the new president of the Democratic Radical Union, said "it is due to electoral preoccupations and party rivalries that the Chamber has been prevented from arriving at a decision. It will be bad for the country if this long Parliamentary powerlessness is prolonged."—Indopacif.

NEW PROPOSALS.

Paris, Jan. 24. The Cartel of syndicates of financial agents, comprising the general union of functionaries of registration, the syndicates of tax-collectors, the agents of indirect taxation, the general treasuries, the active services of the Customs and of land surveys, preoccupied with the grave financial difficulties, have addressed to the President of the Republic a petition in which they declare the functionaries of finance consider that the present evil comes firstly from the failure to adapt the administrative organisation to the modern needs of the State; secondly, to the wrong conception of the role of functionaries; and thirdly, to the complete anachronism in the methods of assessment of the date of taxes. On each point the cartel of functionaries of finance sees a solution in reasonable good sense which it is ready to offer to the public authorities. The administrative reforms should be such as to adapt political organisation to the economic role of a modern State. On fiscal reform, the functionaries believe, firstly, that the equilibrium of the Budget can be recovered without new taxation; secondly, that the collecting of new taxes will be fruitless, the administration of financial bureau being harassed by the recovery of existing contributions; thirdly, the receipt of existing taxes will be considerably improved by the diminution of the rates of taxes which would permit the acceptance correlatively of a fiscal documentation in proportion with the form of modern fortunes; fourthly, the rate of certain taxes should be fixed by a National Assembly to avoid delivering the matter into the hands of political parties; and fifthly, a straight and confident collaboration should be organized between the tax-payers and the functionaries of finance by means of fiscal information bureaux organised according to modern methods.

The financial debate will open on Tuesday.—Indopacif.

SPYING FOR GERMANY.

ARRESTED IN WARSAW.

Warsaw, Jan. 24. A big spying organisation, working on behalf of Germany, has been discovered here, according to the newspapers. Three leaders and numerous accomplices have been arrested and a considerable quantity of compromising documents seized.

The alleged spies are stated to have wide connections with aristocratic and military circles.—Indopacif.

BUFFALOES DANCE.

SATURDAY EVENING'S FUNCTION.

At the Royal Naval Canteen Theatre on Saturday night, a very successful carnival dance was held by the members of the Royal Ancient Order of Buffaloes. There were some 350 people present, including many in fancy dress.

The orchestra of H. M. S. Titania provided the dance music and some very good selections were also given by the Jazz Band of the s.s. Belgenland under the direction of Mr. Harry Spindler. This added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening and all present were loud in their expressions of appreciation of the band's services.

The hall had been beautifully decorated, and Messrs. Jacob and Faithfull, who are shortly leaving for Home, are to be congratulated on their final effort. The prizes for fancy dress were won by: Miss Murphy, 1st, as "Parola Post"; Mrs. Ward, 2nd, as Oranges and Lemons; Mr. Grenham, 1st, as Russian Cavalry Officer; and Mr. Dear, 2nd, as Jack and his Bride. The prizes were presented at the interval by the P. G. P. of the China Province. Messrs. Pook, Pillage, Pimm, Murphy, Jeffreys, Jacobs and Faithfull were the Committee.

GERMANY & LEAGUE.

MORE CONCESSIONS WANTED.

Berlin, Jan. 23. The People's and Nationalist Parties have proposed a motion by which the entry of Germany in the League of Nations would be subject to fresh concessions on the part of the Allies.—Indopacif.

A BURNS UNPUBLISHED POEM.

It is seldom in these days that a hitherto unpublished poem of the great poet comes to light, but Mrs. Moffatt, St. Andrews, is the happy possessor of such.

The poem below was copied by Mrs. Moffatt's grandfather, the late Mr. Edward Sanderson, well-nigh 100 years ago.

The verses are prefaced with the following words:—

"Composed by Robert Burns, and presented to the nobleman addressed upon being called up from the servants' hall, where he had been sent to dine, to add to the entertainment of his company, along with which company he had been asked to go on an excursion to the Bass Rock. On presenting which he put on his hat, turned on his heel, and retired."

My Lord, I would not fill your chair
Though ye be proudest Noble's heir;
I came this night to join your feast,
As equal to the best, at least.

'Tis true that cash with me is scant
And titles—trifles that I want;
The King has never made me kneel
To stamp my manhood with his seal.

But what of that? The King on high,
Who took less pains with you than I,
Has filled my bosom, and my mind,
With something better in its kind
Than your proud acres, something which
I cannot well translate to speech,
But by its impulse I can know
'Tis deeds, not birth, that make men low.

Your rank, my lord, is but a loan;
But mine, thank Heaven, is all my own;

A peasant, 'tis my pride to be;
Look round and round your hall and see
Who boasts a higher pedigree!

I was not fit, it seems, to dine
With these fox-hunting heroes fine,
But only came to bandy jests—
Among your lordships' hopeful guests.

There must be here some sad mistake,
I would not play for such a stake.
Be a buffoon for drink and meat,
At a poor earl's tax-paid seat;
Not die my heart ere such a shame
Descends on Robert Burns's name.

LATEST PICTURES FROM HOME



A party of Cossack, now in London, recently visited Rustlip and enjoyed a spin on the ice. Some London skaters who were also present had the novel experience of a sled ride with a Cossack escort.



Here is the bridal group at the recent wedding in London of Capt. Robert Grosvenor, son of Lord Arthur Grosvenor, and Miss Doris May Wagnall. Left to right: Lady Mary Grosvenor, Miss Mary Grosvenor, Miss Edna Fox, Miss Barbara Grosvenor, Miss Naomi McGaw and Miss Isolda Grosvenor.

NAVAL WEDDING.

AT CATHEDRAL THIS AFTERNOON.

A naval wedding took place at St. John's Cathedral this afternoon when Lieut. Henry Buckle, R.N., son of the late Mr. William and Mrs. Buckle, was married to Miss Eleanor K. Bailey, youngest daughter of the late Capt. and Mrs. Bailey, and who for the past two years has been an assistant mistress at the Central British School, at Kowloon.

The bride, who was given away by Dr. Isaac Newton, wore a dress of beige georgette and black hat, and was attended as bridesmaid by Miss Dorothy Peck, who wore a dress of grey crepe de chine, with blue hat. The bride carried a bouquet of roses, the bridesmaid carrying a bouquet of sweet peas.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Hamilton, of H.M.S. Titania, assisted by the Rev. T. B. Powell, of St. John's Cathedral, Mr. F. Mason was at the organ, and the duties of best man were discharged by Lieut. Healey.

After the ceremony, a reception was held at No. 4 Queen's Gardens, after which the newly-married couple left for the honeymoon, which is being spent at Pongling. The bride's going-away costume was of white, with white coat and hat.

REPARATIONS.

DELIVERY OF MATERIALS.

Berlin, Jan. 23. During the month of December, 150 contracts for delivery of materials were signed on account of Reparations, for the value of over ten million marks. The total amount of deliveries in materials to date, not including coal, amounts to 190 million marks.—*Indopact.*

LEGAL IMPASSE.

A SOLICITOR WITHDRAWS.

Something of legal impasse was occasioned when three workmen of the Hongkong Electric Company, faced with an accusation of theft, engaged Mr. L. R. Andrews to plead for them before the Magistrate to-day.

After Mr. Andrews had taken the trouble to appear in Court, had heard the facts of the case as given by the prosecution, and had applied for permission to interview his clients in the goal, it was discovered in the last minute that he had to withdraw from the case.

Mr. Andrews belongs to a legal firm who are solicitors to the Hongkong Electric Company, and this fact, Mr. Andrews explained to the Bench, precluded him from appearing in the case as a solicitor for the defence.

The charge arose from the alleged theft of some copper salvaged from a discarded cable in the Ming Yuen Gardens at North Point. The defendants had orders to take the copper back to the Company's store at North Point, but they were discovered on a train which had passed this spot and at the time was well on its way to Causeway Bay.

Their explanation for not taking the copper direct to the store was to the effect that they were on their way to a tea-house in Wanchai, and it was to them a trifling detail that they should cart the heavy metal along with them, the whole way.

In the case of one of the arrested men, a second charge has been drawn up by Inspector Field that he offered a bribe of \$250 as "tea-money" not to appear in the case.

The case was remanded. Mr. R. E. Lindsay said that Mr. Andrews' withdrawal would make no difference to the case as he would be merely replaced by another legal man not connected with the same firm.

CARDINAL MERCIER'S DEATH.

A NATION IN MOURNING.

Brussels, Jan. 24.

The crowds which are thronging outside the nursing home waiting to file past the body, typify the deep sorrow felt throughout the country at the passing of Cardinal Mercier, H.M. the King, Members of the Cabinet and diplomatic and parliamentary personages visited the death chamber. The body has been taken to Malines where it will lie in state, decked in full robes and symbols of office. It is expected that the Cabinet will grant a State funeral to take place on Thursday. Condolences have been received from all parts of the world.—*Reuter.*

A HEROIC FIGURE.

Rugby, Jan. 24.

High tributes are paid to the fine courage and patriotism displayed during the early stages of the War by Cardinal Mercier, whose death took place at Brussels yesterday. Cardinal Mercier's undaunted championship of Belgium's rights during its invasion by the German armies, made him one of the heroic figures of the War. Since the War, Cardinal Mercier devoted much of his time to an effort for effecting a rapprochement among the various branches of the Christian churches. He presided over a meeting at Malines at which several English Bishops were present and the Union of the Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches was discussed.—*British Wireless.*

FRENCH SYMPATHY.

Paris, Jan. 24.

President Doumergue has addressed to the King of Belgium a telegram of condolence associating France with the mourning at the death of Cardinal Mercier saying "We will loyally preserve the souvenir of the eminent Prelate who will remain in history as one of the most noble examples of patriotism and of courage."

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Tokyo, Jan. 24.

The N.Y.K. and T.K.K. directors formally agreed to the amalgamation this afternoon, provided the Diet grants a subsidy whereby the N.Y.K. will be enabled to construct superior trans-Pacific vessels. The T.K.K. will receive 125,000 shares from the N.Y.K.—*Reuter.*

EVACUATION OF GERMANY.

REICHSTAG AND OCCUPYING TROOPS.

Berlin, Jan. 23.

The Reichstag has unanimously passed a resolution that the Government should do its utmost to insist that the evacuation of the first occupation zone should be followed by a corresponding diminution of occupying forces.—*Reuter.*

The hockey match arranged between the 5/2 Punjab and the Hongkong Hockey Club 2nd XI has been postponed until Friday, 29th inst., at the Marine Ground, Kowloon, at 5 p.m.

WEST INDIES CRICKET TOUR.

M. C. C. DRAW WITH TRINIDAD.

Trinidad, Jan. 24.

In their first innings the M. C. C. scored 272, and Trinidad replied with 288. The M. C. C.'s second innings produced 188 for 6; and the match was drawn.—*Reuter.*

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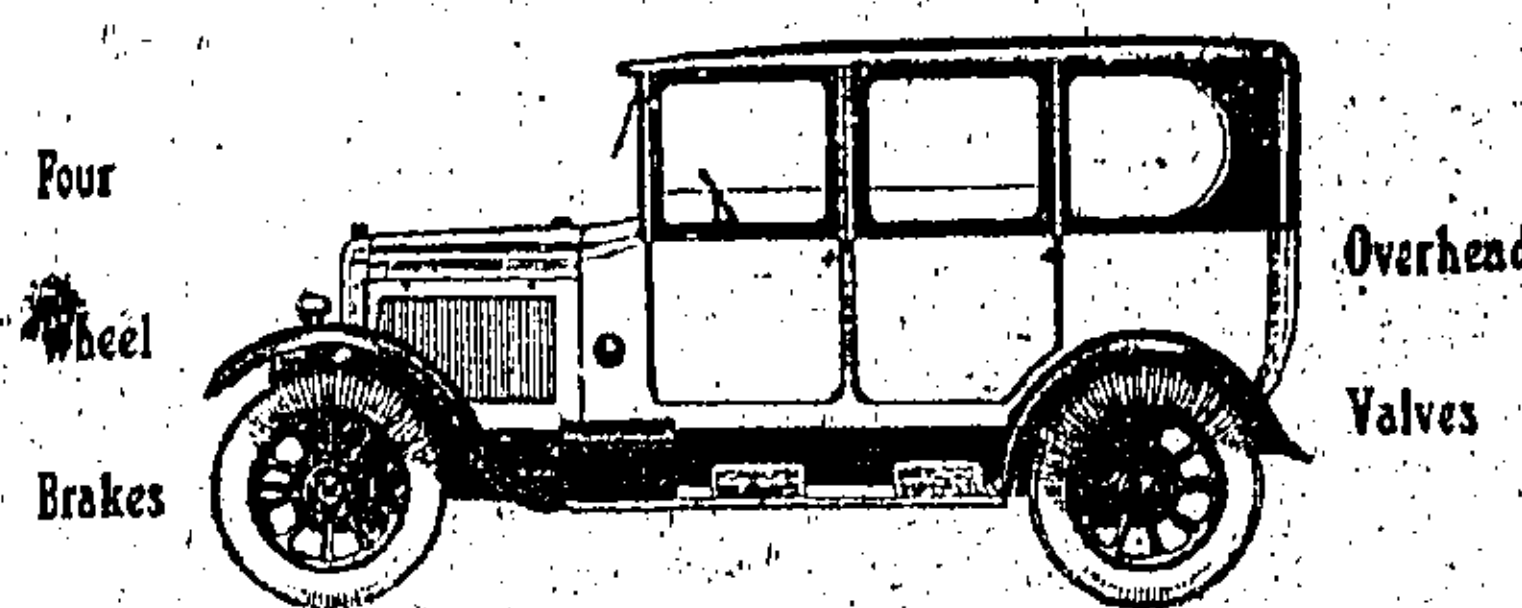
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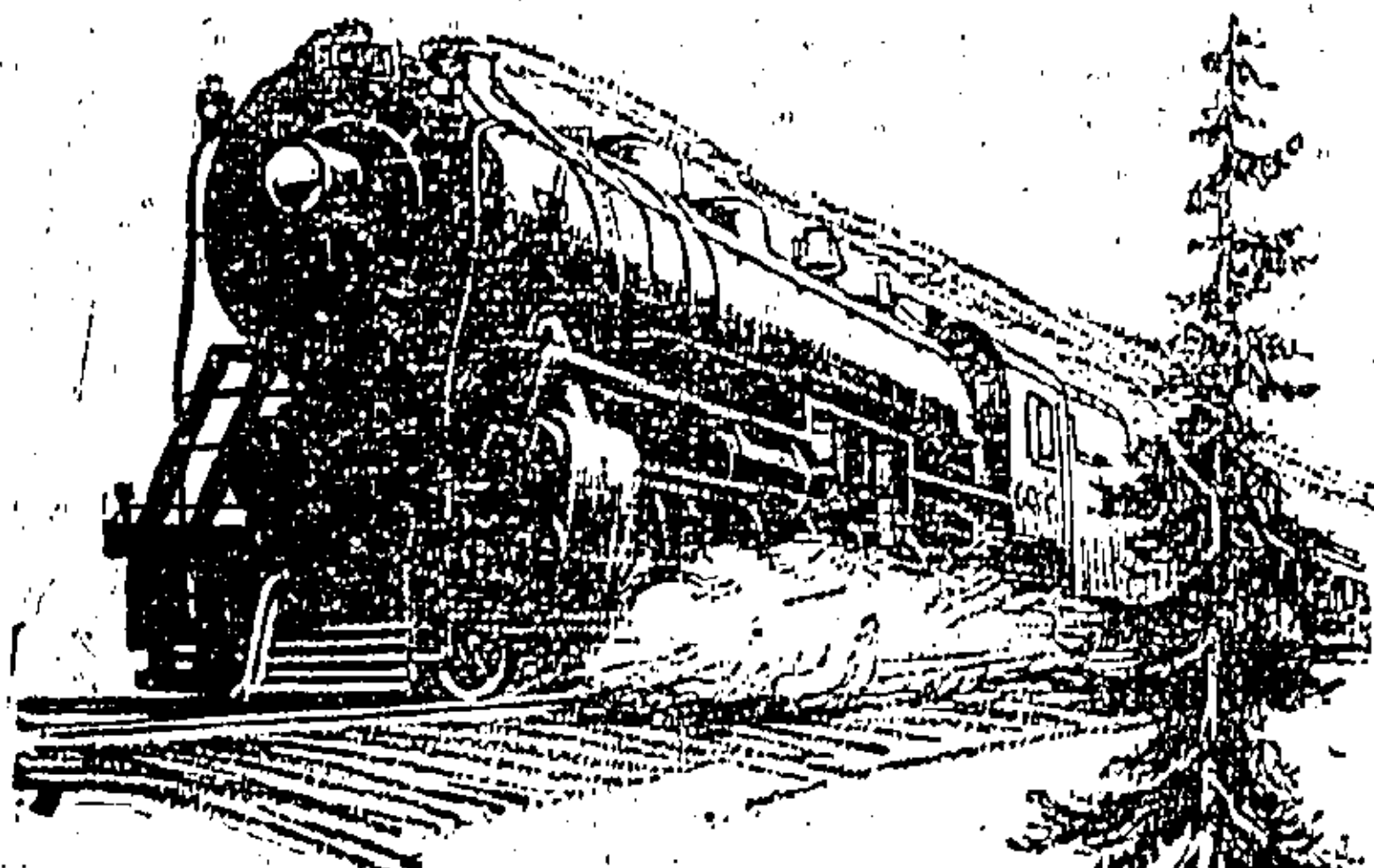
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FASCISTI FLARE-UPS.

ITALY HAS TROUBLE WITH PRESS.

Recently there was a tragic incident in Florence in which at least four Italians were killed and a number wounded and stricken with minor injuries. It was one of the usual political flare-ups between the Fascisti and their opponents, or their so-called opponents.

This time it was the Masonic element, instead of the Communists, that incurred the displeasure of the local Fascist headquarters. It was even more regrettable since the Locarno conference was in session, where the big European Powers, including Italy, were trying to get together on a mutual programme for continental peace.

Locarno is on Lake Maggiore, which is partly in Switzerland and partly in Italy, and hundreds of newspapermen—correspondents, editorial writers and editors—were in Locarno, where events in Italy are observed virtually from the border. Winston Churchill, British Chancellor of the Exchequer, happened to be in Florence. There, desperate rioting occurred because a member of the Florence Masonic lodge had been invited to report at the Fascist headquarters. The local Fascisti called on the Mason. It was said, politely enough, but the Mason refused to accompany them to the Fascist headquarters. There were words. Another Italian who was coming up the stairway in the Mason's home, hearing the noise inside his friend's apartment, is said to have entered the half-open door, drawn a revolver and shot. One leading Fascist was killed, another wounded.

Then things began to hum around Florence. At this point there is a blur in the local newspaper accounts, punctuated by revolver shots, ambulance, rumors of dead and wounded, reports of both Masonic and Fascist outrages, noise, smoke and dust.

The writer of this article went to the Rome railway station and met a train coming from Florence, because there were only sketchy accounts in the Rome newspapers the following day. Passengers on the Florence train gave different tales. One said it was a fire, an American woman had not heard of it, although she lived in a prominent hotel. Italians, as a rule, will not talk about Fascist affairs, either because they are strong adherents of the party, or because they are afraid of being spied upon in case they hold a different political faith. Travellers admitted there were a lot of rumors and rushing about. At any rate, Florence was not given over to a reign of terror, bad as it might have been, though the impression abroad, in France, England, and the United States, was that dead and wounded were lying about and the city was untenable.

Almost as one voice the Italian press jumped on the foreign press. The foreign press was sorely criticized and bitterly assailed by even the anti-Fascist newspapers. Perhaps it was the one opportunity of using abusive language without fear of sequestration. Rumor runs faster than official communications, and rumor beat the news to Paris and London, and exaggerated reports went out to the world, and quite naturally.

The tradition of the Italian press regulation is painful and incomprehensible for the foreign editor. It has existed for more than a year for the purpose of preventing subversive news in the Italian press. Perhaps it has done well to quell the Opposition newspapers in just such a strong-armed way. But application of the same rule to foreign newspapers has worked unfavorably for Italy.

Knowing that such events are likely to be minimized or badly reported in the Italian press, the foreign editors use their own judgment, and usually with moderation. When possible, they give the sources of their information as such-and-such a newspaper or agency. Italy had deliberately provoked a situation with the foreign press by clamping down the press gag on the Italian press. Although the Florence incident was deeply tragic, it was perhaps fortunate in illustrating clearly the need of an intelligent attitude towards foreign newspapers.

Leaving out the French newspapers, which, like the Italian journals, are coloured absolutely by partisan ownership, the equally representative English and American newspapers that maintain correspondents in Rome have

no particular desire to misrepresent events in Italy. Liberal or conservative English language newspapers may disagree in matters of policy with the ironhanded methods of Fascism, but it can be stated with certainty that the majority of English language correspondents in Rome do not hate Italy, nor do they want to discredit Italy, nor have they a deep-dyed plot to depress the lire, which is the commonest charge against the foreign newspapermen.

They say, "Let us have the news." The betrayal of Foreign Office confidence, or the subversive writing of available news could be checked up with more effect than the general charge that the foreign press as a class is hostile. Although there is every reason why it should be hostile when the Italian newspapers lament, tearfully, with bent heads, that they are misunderstood martyrs and unappreciated crusaders, and that the great foreign press is inimical.

At Locarno, the effect of all this hostility was plainly demonstrated to Premier Mussolini, whose press reception was purposely snubbed by scores of the leading correspondents of the "foreign press." We did not read this in Rome, although we read how the Socialist delegate for Belgium, Mr. Vandervelde, declined to greet the Fascist Premier. All this is childish. Because the Fascist regime is virtually an absolute autocracy is no reason why it is not the best thing for Italy.

Italy seems to be prosperous, busy, and, except for the sporadic Fascist outbreaks, it is orderly. Certainly, Italy is cleaner, more sanitary than it ever was in its history. There are fewer beggars, fewer picturesque, ragged, uncouth ruffians adding their untidiness to unwholesome corners and church entrances and blind alleys.

Because Italy still has a great illiterate mass of people contrasted to a highly civilized, cultured section of its population, the strict form of old Roman government might be more effective. Looking at it one way, Italy has far less bloodshed and disturbance for the whole country in one day than occurs on the Liverpool docks on a bad Saturday night or in any of the tough sections of some of the big American cities. But the foreign press, sensational or conservative, is mostly interested in news, and in the absence of news it frequently condescends to print a rumor.

STONE AGE MEN.

WELSH FIND OF SKELETONS.

Further light may be thrown on the history of early man in Britain by the discovery of seven skeletons in the boulder clay, two feet below the present ground level, on the Bryn Newydd estate, Prestatyn, Flintshire.

There is evidence that they date from the Neolithic, or later Stone Age, which in this country merged into the Bronze Age about 1000 or 1500 B.C., but their actual age is still unknown.

Mr. Gilbert Smith, architect, who made the discoveries, sent scale drawings of parts of the skeletons to Sir Arthur Keith, conservator of the museum of the Royal College of Surgeons in London.

Sir Arthur has expressed the opinion that the evidence points them belonging to the earliest part of our Neolithic Age. He notes "a distinct irregularity of the front incisor teeth," and says, "I have never seen this in British cemeteries earlier than those of the period of the Roman occupation."

He adds that the drawing shows that the narrow headed man might be neolithic, but the type has come down to our time, particularly in Wales.

Lived on Shell Fish.

While digging a trench for a drain workmen threw out a piece of a skull which Mr. Gilbert Smith took charge of. The skeleton had been lying on its back, the head pointing in a south-westerly direction. In the soil around were flint weapons, pieces of cockle and other shells, as well as bones, proving, it is supposed, that the men living here when the dead were buried lived largely on shell fish.

Among the objects found by Mr. Gilbert Smith with the skeletons were a number of worked flints, including what appeared to be an early type of arrow head of beautiful technique.

A valuable piece of evidence was a very large flint, evidently deliberately placed beneath the leg of one of the skeletons. Out of the thousands of worked flints which Mr. Gilbert Smith has found in this district this is the largest of all. In his opinion it was used as a pounding tool or hammer in connection with this identical burial. It will, he thinks, help in dating certain of his discoveries.

POST OFFICE PUZZLES.

SPECIAL DEPARTMENT SOLVES MILLIONS.

Among the little-known services of the Post Office is a puzzle department, to deal with obscurely addressed letters.

In the House of Commons the Postmaster-General recently stated that 3 2/3 millions of letters are redirected each month, and 1 1/4 millions returned to the senders. This gives approximate totals for the year of over 40 millions and 15 millions respectively.

The authorities are reluctant to admit defeat. At most large delivery offices experts attempt to solve the problems of illegible writing and inadequate addresses. At Mount Pleasant a small party of officials known as the Blind Section sits every day wrestling with difficulties that would dismay the ordinary person.

Experience has shown that the public is improving in the matter of addressing letters. The number of returned letters may be larger than a few years ago, but in proportion to the increase of Post Office business it has decreased.

The P. O. workers handle 3,340 million letters, 470 million postcards, 1,165 million circulars and printed papers, 160 million newspapers, and 125 million parcels in a year, so the figures for redirected and returned letters are not abnormal.

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A London woman inserted a public notice in an English newspaper that she no longer considered herself obliged to love and obey her husband. It said: "Having promised to love and obey my husband at a time when I had a false appreciation of his worth, I now renounce all my obligations to him."

THE FILM AND THE CHILD.

PROPOSED ACTION BY THE L.C.C.

London County Council recently instructed the Theatres and Music Halls Committee to consider and report on the desirability of ensuring, as far as possible, that the ownership of cinematograph halls within the Administrative County of London and the films shown in the halls shall not be dominated by foreign interests.

The committee presented a report at a meeting of the Council on December 15th pointing out that the present practice is to consider whether the applicant for a licence is a fit and proper person to hold one, irrespective of any question of nationality. The committee understands that the means employed by foreign interests to control the British cinematograph industry is either to own or control the licensed premises or to put into force what is known as "block-booking."

"We feel that the present and increasing system of tied houses reflects directly on the character of the films shown, and we have every sympathy with the movement to increase the number of British films, and we are in favour of the suggestion that it should be compulsory for a certain proportion of British films to be shown. We also consider that action is urgently necessary in certain directions, to safeguard the interests of the public who visit cinematograph exhibitions."

The Committee expresses the opinion that the licensing authority should have powers of control over premises to be used for any kind of cinematograph exhibition, irrespective of the kind of film used, and should also be empowered to take steps to improve the standard of the films shown, especially those exhibited to children. The report continues:—

"The films now shown, practically all of which have been produced in a foreign country, portray standards and ideas different from those ruling in this country. The effect of this on British adults is difficult to gauge, but its effect upon the children cannot fail to be an influence tending strongly to weaken national characteristics, which it is of the greatest moment to retain intact. From this point of view alone the development of British-produced films is eminently desirable. The fact that so large a number of persons attend cinemas with regularly compels the view that it is also of national importance that steps should be taken to foster a higher standard of production."

The Committee recommends:—
(a) That, in the opinion of the Council, it is desirable that a proportion of films shown in cinematograph halls should be of British origin, and that licensing authorities under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, should be given additional powers with a view to securing:—
(i.) An absolute discretion as to the granting or refusal of applications for licences to give cinematograph exhibitions. (ii.) Wider control over all kinds of cinematograph exhibitions. (iii.) An improvement in the standard of the films shown, especially to children. (b) That the foregoing resolution (a) be communicated to the Secretary of State for the Home Department, and that he be asked to receive at an early date a deputation from the Council on the subject."

CURLS.



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DIOCESE AS REGISTERED COMPANY.

Under the Diocesan Boards of Finance Measure, passed by the National Assembly of the Church of England, Boards of Finance—to be formed in every diocese—will be registered as companies under the Companies Act.

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These companies will be entitled to hold real and personal property for purposes connected with the Church of England, and to transact business as a committee of the Diocesan Conference.

THE WORLD OF SPORT



INTERPORT TRIAL.

TWO PLAYERS ENHANCE REPUTATIONS.

[BY "WANDERER."]

Scoring in Hongkong football on Saturday was a trifle heavier than is usual, the nine matches played being productive of thirty-eight goals. The match of principal attraction was naturally the Interport trial at Kowloon, but as things turned out, towards the latter part of the game, it would have been something of a problem to guess that the cream of the Colony's talent was on view.

Two players came out of the match with enhanced reputations. Mitchell, the Surrey's half-back, for his second half display when he took the right half position, and Wheeler, of Kowloon, who defended magnificently throughout.

The results were:—

Interport Trial.	
Colours	2 Whites
Junior Shield.—1st Round.	
Kowloon Res.	1 China "A"
University "B"	0 Drums
Club Res.	2 University
League. Div. I.	
R.A.	2 Tamar
Division II. "A."	
Surreys Res.	5 St. Joseph's
R.A. Res.	4 Recoletto "A"
Division II. "B."	
Moslem "A"	4 St. Jos. B's
St. Jos. Res.	1 Kowloon "B"

The responsibility of the Interport selection committee was not eased by the trial match held at Kowloon on Saturday, many of the players on view suffering from the difficulties occasioned by the narrow ground, while those who did show up in any way prominently were players regarded as almost certainties before the teams lined up.

The opening half was productive of much clever football by both sides, but after the interval, when the White half-backs more or less dominated the game, it deteriorated to such an extent that it was almost with a sense of relief that the whistle indicating that the match had finished, was received.

The poor football in the second moiety was principally due to the failure of the White forward line to give tangible evidence of ability to scheme for openings. Brown, the Recoletto left winger, was as clear in the hands of McGreavey. Rarely did he put a foot right except during the last ten minutes, and about that period he should have been fairly fresh. Suen found much hard work left to him, but he too has given better exhibitions. With the line thrown out of balance, Humberstone was generally left in the unenviable position of having to manoeuvre single-handed, small wonder that against a strong defence he had a poor match. Stewart acted the policeman for the greater part of the second half.

Taylor on the right wing played well above his club standard. His centreing was good, but his great failing is lack of anticipation. Time and again Humberstone placed the ball just where Taylor should have been only to see the winger waiting for the ball to alight before getting on the run. Forsyth in the open did not do so badly, but he had three opportunities of scoring, in the second half, which there was no excuse for missing. Neither he nor Suen put the right kind of push-through to their centre-forward.

shooting range as in his approach work he might have been regarded as a good thing, but he had as good opportunities as any without taking advantage of them.

Gosano scored a splendid goal in the first half, placing the ball well out of Clark's reach with a left foot drive. The second, which was also credited to him was more in nature of a fluke. Charlesworth's placement of a corner was perfect and the ball rebounded from Gosano's knees into the net.

The White half-backs as a line and position for position were a much more effective combination than McGreavey, Stewart and Bristowe. Mitchell in the first half, at left half-back, was solid but did nothing to write home about. In the second half when he changed over with Leung Yuk-tong, Butler, Mackleworth and Bristowe, all team mates, could do nothing with him. Leung Yuk-tong was fully capable of holding his own with the opposition, though he seems to have lost something of his old confidence. Sims compared very favourably with Stewart. His anticipation and his perfect passes should certainly gain him his place in the side. Stewart paid considerable attention to Humberstone and perhaps his concentration on defence was largely responsible for his failure to do himself real justice. McGreavey held a weak wing down very effectively but he lacked the finish of Mitchell. Bristowe worked hard but was rarely in the picture as a constructive half-back; usually he is especially prominent in this respect. He was one of the players who must have felt confined on the Kowloon ground.

In the rear division both sides were well served. Wynne and Wheeler, the respective right backs, were both tackling and kicking with confidence and if anything Wheeler showed up the more prominently. Time and again he would carry the ball right up to the half-way line, without running any risks as to defence. Wynne was his usual self, tackling confidently and leaving little to chance. Bishop was better in the second half than in the first. He tackled with more assurance and kicked powerfully. Xavier timed the ball beautifully but his tackling was not always safe.

Clark had more to do than Rodger and he had no chance with the shots which beat him. He made a brilliant save in the first half when he took the ball right off Butler's toe as he was about to shoot from close range.

A further trial is to be played on the Club ground on Wednesday kick-off at 4 p.m. The teams chosen are:

Colours:—Clark (Police) Wheeler (Kowloon); Xavier (Club de Rec), Mitchell (Surreys), Sims (Kowloon), McKelvie (Kowloon), Charlesworth, Humberstone (Surreys), Gosano (Club de Rec), Suen Kim-shun (S.C.A.A.), Hayes (Kowloon).

White:—Rodger (Club) Wanne, (Capt.) (Police), Bishop (Club), Leung Yuk-tong (S.C.A.A.), Stewart (Club), Bristowe (Surreys), Taylor (Kowloon), Pulford (R.A.), Howard (Club), Butler & Mackleworth (Surreys).

HOME FOOTBALL.

RESULTS AND TABLES.

Division I.

Birmingham	2 Bury	3
Bolton	2 Notts. City	2
Burnley	2 West Ham	2
Cardiff	1 Huddersfield	2
Leeds	1 Leicester	0
Liverpool	3 Arsenal	0
Manchester U.	1 Manchester C.	0
Newcastle	2 Aston Villa	0
Sheffield	4 Sunderland	0
Tottenham	1 Everton	1
West Bromwich	1 Blackburn	1

Sunderland	28	14	5	9	65	50	33
Huddersfield	25	12	9	4	52	41	33
Arsenal	26	14	5	7	53	42	33
Bury	26	14	2	10	60	55	30
Sheffield U.	27	12	5	10	73	58	29
Tottenham	26	11	7	8	47	49	29
Aston Villa	25	10	8	7	57	47	28
Manch. U.	25	12	4	9	44	41	28
Newcastle	26	10	8	8	55	50	28
Bolton	26	12	4	10	54	48	28
West Brom.	26	10	7	9	54	47	27
Birmingham	27	12	5	12	50	53	27
Everton	27	12	8	5	51	52	26
Liverpool	25	9	7	9	43	53	25
Leeds U.	25	9	4	12	41	47	22
Leicester	26	8	6	12	48	55	22
Manch. City	27	7	8	12	64	71	22
West Ham	26	9	4	13	37	54	22
Cardiff	27	9	4	14	39	58	22
Blackburn	26	6	9	11	52	54	21
Burnley	27	7	7	13	50	77	21
Notts City	26	8	4	14	38	46	20

Division II.

Barnsley	2 Chelsea	3
Bradford	2 Darlington	0
Derby	5 Blackpool	2
Fulham	2 Oldham	1
Middlesboro'	0 Swansea	1
Notts. For.	1 Southampton	0
Preston	3 Wolves	2
Port Vale	3 Hull City	0
Stockport	0 Wednesday	2
South Shields	5 Clapton	2
Stoke	5 Stoke	1

Derby C.	25	16	5	4	55	26	37
Wednesday	26	17	3	6	31	37	37
Chelsea	25	12	8	5	53	31	32
South Sides	26	14	3	9	51	38	31
Port Vale	26	13	2	11	50	44	28
Middlesboro'	27	14	0	13	52	49	28
Portsmouth	26	11	6	9	53	56	28
Blackpool	26	11	5	10	48	40	27
Oldham	26	11	5	7	43	35	27
Swansea	24	11	4	9	48	38	26
Bradford C.	25	10	6	9	35	35	26
Hull City	25	11	3	11	38	35	25
Wolves	24	10	4	10	37	38	24
South pton	26	8	6	12	38	41	22
Stoke	25	8	6	11	37	46	22
Barnsley	25	8	6	11	38	49	22
Preston	26	10	2	12	42	62	22
Darlington	24	7	7	10	39	49	21
Notts For.	25	7	6	12	30	35	20
Fulham	25	6	5	14	27	54	17
Stockport	25	6	4	15	33	58	16
Clapton	24	7	2	15	27	56	16

Division III (South).

Brighton	3 Brentford	2
Bristol R.	0 Merthyr	2
Exeter City	3 Charlton	0
Luton	5 Watford	0
Millwall	0 Plymouth	2
Norwich	1 Bristol C.	2
Norwich	1 Southend	2
Queen's Park	0 Newport	2
Reading	5 Bournemouth	2
Swindon	1 Gillingham	0

Plymouth	24	14	7	3	68	36	35
Reading	25	13	8	4	45	29	34
Bristol City	26	13	7	6	46	31	33
Brighton	24	13	5	6	57	45	31
Gillingham	26	12	4	10	43	35	28
Millwall	24	10	7	7	41	25	27
Southend	25	13	1	11	51	41	27
Swindon	25	11	5	9	43	37	27
Northants	24	11	4	9	47	43	26
Merthyr	24	8	8	8	36	38	24
Newport	24	9	6	9	31	39	24
Watford	24	9	6	9	40	53	24
Charlton	22	6	10	6	24	45	23
Luton	25	9	4	12	45	49	22
Norwich	26	8	6	12	36	48	22
Bristol R.	25	8	5	12	41	39	21
Exeter	25	8	5	12	41	44	21
Brentford	25	9	4	14	37	58	20
Bournemouth	25	7	6	12	34	60	20
Crystal P.	23	8	2	13	39	45	18
Aberdare	23	7	4	12	43	46	18
Q. P. R.	24	4	6	14	21	41	14

Division III (North).

Accrington	1 Bradford	4
Crawley	2 Ashington	2
Doncaster	8 Coventry	2
Durham	5 Chesterfield	0
Halifax	0 Grimsby	0
Hartlepool	9 Walsall	0
Lincoln	4 Barrow	0
New Brighton	4 Wigan	0
Rotherham	3 Tranmere	0
Rochdale	6 Wrexham	0
Southport	2 Nelson	0

Bradford	26	17	4	5	50	24	38
Rochdale	24	14	5	5	55	33	33
Grimsby	23	13	5	5	58	31	31
Hartlepool	26	13	5	8	56	48	31
Nelson	25	11	8	5	67	33	30
Halifax	25	11	7	7	37	29	29
Chesterfield	23	12	4	7	48	28	28
Coventry	25	12	4	9	49	41	28
Durham	26	13	2	11	46	45	28
Doncaster	24	9	6	9	49	36	27
Crowe	24	11	4	9	40	38	26
Ashington	26	8	10	3	37	34	24
N. Brighton	25	10	4	11	37	44	24
Accrington	25	11	2	12	46	62	24
Lincoln	25	10	2	13	43	51	22
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Rotherham	24	8	4	12	33	60	20
Wigan	24	7	5	12	42	49	19
Southport	23	5	8	10	33	44	18
Walsall	25	4	4	17	32	76	12
Barrow	26	4	2	20	36	57	10

SATURDAY'S CRICKET.

THREE CENTURIES SCORED.

There were no fewer than eight cricket matches played in Hongkong on Saturday afternoon, and it says something for the quality of the batting that there were three centuries and one 90 scored.

In the Senior League, there were three matches—the Navy defeating the University, the R. A. defeating Cringengower, and the Civil Service defeating the Chinese. In the first of these three games, the University were all dismissed for 88, the Navy then going in to score 249 for nine wickets, to which Lieut. Halsey contributed a brilliant 114, including 23 fours and one five. Woodward, for the Navy, took seven wickets for 44 runs.

The Cringengower team were all out for 75, to which the R. A. replied with 204, all batsmen being consistent and Lt. Smith scoring 55. Gifford, the Artillery bowler, had the best average, with four wickets for 21 runs.

The Chinese R. C. were also dismissed cheaply, 79 being the total they could muster in spite of the fact that T. E. Yeoh scored 30. The Civil Service then hit up 172 for three wickets, all batsmen doing well, with F. E. Lawrence highest with 52. Sayer took five wickets for 29 runs.

SECOND DIVISION GAMES.

In the Second Division, the Police and the Navy played a drawn match, the Navy scoring 180 (Corn. Gray 61) and the Police getting 151 for nine wickets (W. L. Sparrow 38) when time was called. Palairat, for the Navy, took five wickets for 29 runs.

The K.C.C. second eleven lost to the Royal Engineers, by 91 runs (B. Petherham 30) to 218, for nine wickets (Lt.-Col. Mackintosh 60).

FRIENDLY MATCHES.

There were two centuries scored in the Club v. K.C.C. friendly match on the Cricket Ground. Kowloon were all out for 94 (Lyal scoring 38) and the Club then went in to score 302 for three wickets, centuries being made by T. F. Pearce, 103, and H. V. Parker, 118. Both men were not out when stumps were drawn, and the score is the highest made this year by any side. The Rev. T. B. Powell was largely responsible for Kowloon's low score, taking six wickets for 29 runs.

The Club's second string defeated the Indians in a friendly game at Sookunpo. The Club made 290 for eight wickets (Mitchell 90) and then dismissed their opponents for 80.

A team from the Hawkin's defeated the Civil Service "A" team by 70 runs, the scores being 171 to 101. Smyth made 55 for the naval men, and Edmonds 50 for the civil servants.

ULSTER PRISONERS.

SENTENCES REMITTED.

Rugby, Jan. 24.

The Home Office of Northern Ireland announced at Belfast yesterday that in view of the recent treaty, the Governor has remitted sentences passed on 33 prisoners who were convicted for various border disturbances. These men, who are now undergoing penal servitude, will be released immediately.—British Wireless.

Scottish Cup.

1. Nairn City	1. St. Johnstone	6
2. Peebles R.	2. Keith	3
3. Royal Albert	3. Alloa	1
4. Arbroath	4. Berwick R.	0
5. Cowdenbeath	5. Hamilton Arc.	2
6. Kilmarnock	6. Celtic	5
7. Boness	7. East Fife	1
8. Clyde	8. Dunfermline	1
9. Hibernians	9. Broxbourne	1
10. Bathgate	10. East Stirling	4
11. Queen's Park	11. Clydebank	2
12. Dumbarton	12. Buckie	1
13. Third Lanark	13. Moor Park	0
14. Solway Star	14. Johnstone	2
15. Partick	15. Motherwell	0
16. Grimsby	16. St. Bernards	1
17. Aberdeen	17. Albion	0
18. Raith	18. Civil Service	0
19. Rangers	19. Leuchelly	2
20. Dundee U.	20. Hearts	1
21. King's Park	21. Peterhead	2
22. Montrose	22. Clacknacuddin	0
23. Douglas Wand.	23. Forfar	4
24. Brechin	24. Thornhill	1
25. Raith	25. Armadale	1
26. Stenhouse Muir	26. Vale of Leven	0
27. Queen of South	27. Airdrie	0
28. Breckinridge	28. Falkirk	0
29. St. Mirren	29. Mid. Amundale	10
30. Dykehead	30. Morton	1

The match between Aberdeen and Crystal Palace, in the Southern section of the Third League was postponed because the ground was waterlogged.—Reuter.

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silver or bronze medals, for those
who most distinguished themselves
by "zeal, courage, leadership and
self-sacrifice" in connection with
the recent floods.—*Reuter*.MEXICAN PETROLEUM
LAW.FURTHER INJUNCTIONS
REFUSED.Mexico City, Jan. 23.
A District court has rejected by
order of 20 applications for injunc-
tions against the operation of the Petro-
leum law. The court at Tampico
has denied thirteen applications.—
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POLO.

AMERICANS DEFEAT BRITONS.

Miami Beach, Florida, Jan. 24.
At polo, the "Flamingos" (P.
Koehl, J. A. Cooler, H. E. Talbot,
junior, and J. Andrew), beat the
British "Freebooters" (Colonel
Melville, the Marquis of Water-
ford, Captain Rex Smith and
Major Lyons).—*Reuter's American
Service*[The cable gives a score of
7 all, obviously a mistake.]

THE KAISER'S BIRTHDAY.

CHOWN PRINCE TO VISIT.

Amsterdam, Jan. 23.
It is reported that the Netherlands
Government has agreed to allow the
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Dutch on the Kaiser's birthday,
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BOLSHEVIK ACTIVITY.

CAMPAIGN IN YUGO-SLAVIA.

Belgrade, Jan. 24.

According to the newspapers, the
results of an enquiry following the
recent arrest of Communists indi-
cate that a secret organisation for
the establishment of Communist
cells was directed by Moscow, via
Vienna.A Bolshevik emissary, who was
arrested, was found to possess in-
structions and funds, and was to
have taken back to Moscow certain
documents which were to have
been procured by the Yugo-
Slavian Communists.—*Reuter*.

HOTEL FIRE.

MANY INCINERATED IN
AMERICAN BLAZE.Allentown, Penn., Jan. 23.
Numerous casualties are feared in
a fire which has destroyed the Hotel
Lafayette. There were thrilling
rescue scenes.One guest jumped from a win-
dow and was killed, and others are
believed to have been incinerated.
Twenty have been sent to hospital
suffering from burns and injuries
sustained in jumping to the ground.
Firemen with ladders saved the
guests from an upper storey when
45 were cut off by the flames.Later,
Five are killed and eleven
missing in the hotel fire.—
Reuter's American Service.

RUBBER MONOPOLY.

AMERICAN INVESTIGATION
COMMITTEE'S WORK ENDS.

Washington, Jan. 23.

The House of Representatives
Committee has concluded the in-
vestigation into the British rubber
monopoly, the last witness being the
War Secretary, Mr. Davis, who, in
a closed session, discussed the pro-
blem from the standpoint of
National defence.Previously Mr. Whitford, of the
Rubber Association of America,
urged the planting of more rubber
"regardless of the ultimate decision
with regard to British restrictions,"
if the world's needs were to be met.
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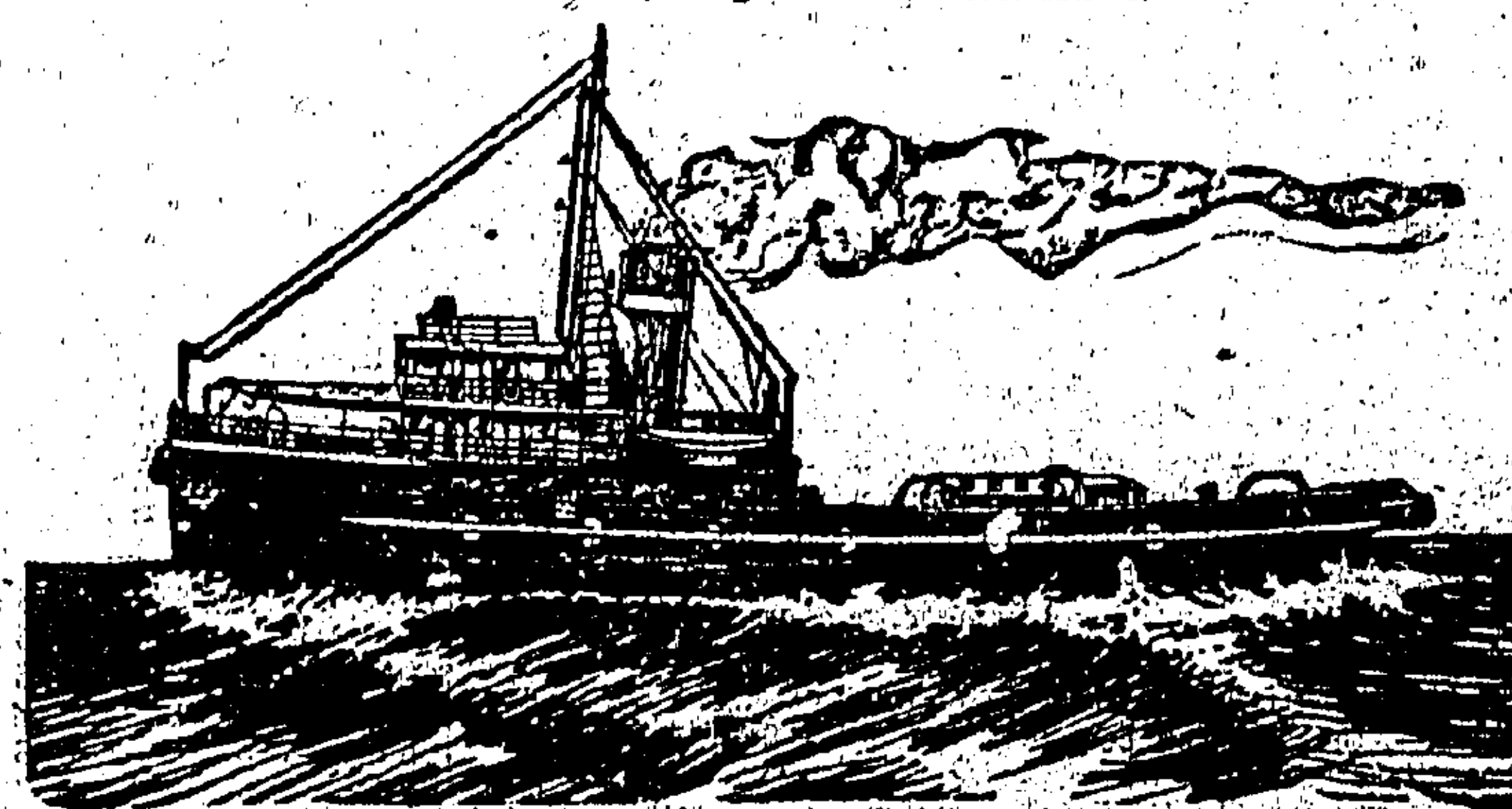
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SINGAPORE LETTER.

Agitators from Canton—Training
Dentists—Wireless Matters.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Singapore, Jan. 15.
The master tailors of Singapore, whose men have been out on strike since the early part of December, and whose efforts in the direction of a settlement have been utterly fruitless, have appealed to Caesar. They have presented a petition to Sir Laurence Guillemard setting forth their troubles, and stating in the plainest of terms that there recently arrived in this port certain Communist propagandists, from Canton, whose identities and names are known, and that a secret union has been formed by these men with the object of fomenting labour troubles in Singapore. This is the first definite instance of interference from Canton in our domestic affairs, and the action of the master tailors raises a definite issue on which—assuming the accuracy of the information contained in this very interesting document—only definite action is possible. The employees in this particular trade have demanded and received increases at intervals during the last few years, and before this strike they were quite comfortably off, as the rates of pay in Chinese concerns go. Nevertheless, when the men struck in December no surprise was felt, as it was only to be expected that they would wish to share in the general prosperity, and there has been a sharp rise in food prices during the last six months, but when the men rejected the very reasonable offers made—the more generous because of the rush of Christmas trade, and put forward demands representing a hundred per cent. increase in some instances, and the abolition of the master tailors' association into the bargain—it became clear that this was not an ordinary labour dispute. Moreover, the fact that the men's leaders persistently refused to attend a conference, indicated a suspicious dislike of publicity. It is difficult to believe that the details given in this petition are incorrect.

The employers are intimately acquainted with the affairs of their own trade and community, and the particulars they give concerning our unwelcome visitors could not be more precise. Why the Chinese Protectorate and the political intelligence branch have allowed these Canton propagandists to carry on undisturbed is yet to be explained, but at all events the Government have now no alternative but to grant the tailors' petition, and kick these agitators out of the country forthwith.

Malaya's Doctors and Dentists.
Thanks to a modern and efficient medical school at Singapore, which is the centre of medical education for the whole country, Malaya is now training its own doctors, and this year we shall begin to train our own dentists. This is a fact of considerable economic significance, for it means that two wide fields of professional employment are opened to locally educated boys and girls. At present the English schools throughout the country are turning out a continuous stream of boys who almost invariably forsake the paternal shop for a more genteel occupation and the only field open to them is clerical work. The supply of office billets must soon fall far short of the demand, and the Colony will then be faced with a very pretty problem. Raffles College may provide a partial solution, in that it will provide higher education required for the professions, and on the other hand it may add to our difficulties, and create a half-baked student element to brighten up our local politics. To return to the College of Medicine, this institution now ranks among the minor achievements of the British in Malaya. It is housed in a building which is incomparably the finest Government building in the country, not forgetting the belauded architectural confectionery at Kuala Lumpur, and its dignified and beautiful frontage is the Government's one and only contribution to the aesthetic amenities of this jerry-built city. The College recently received a most generous gift of \$350,000 Straits from the Rockefeller Foundation, and it enters its new home the richer by three new professorships and a dental course. Fears have been expressed lest the twenty odd doctors who receive their diplomas every year should eventually cause a glut in the market, but the output should do no more than keep pace with the development of the country and the British territories in Borneo, and estate practice forms a safe though humdrum field of employment.

Wireless in Malaya.
It was surprising to read recently that the little State of Sarawak, in north Borneo, has no less than eighteen small inland wireless stations. In Malaya there is the large naval station at Singapore, and several minor stations for the use of shipping, but no attempt has been made to use wireless as a means of interior communication, and apparently that policy is to be adhered to, the F.M.S. Government having decided to go ahead with a very expensive scheme to provide trunk telephone communication from Singapore to Penang, via the Federal capital. As a matter of fact, Malaya is one of the most difficult areas in the world for wireless work, due partly to the presence of electrical storms in the atmosphere, and it is said, to the disturbing influence of tin deposits. Certainly, there are "dead" patches where reception of the wireless waves is impossible, and it is very much to be hoped that the theory about undiscovered tin mines in the south of the Peninsula is correct, for some authority has just been predicting that the alluvial tin areas of Malaya will very soon be worked out. There is no doubt about the difficulties to be met with, for the programmes broadcasted by the Singapore amateur society are frequently picked up two hundred miles away in the Dutch Indies, and are inaudible twenty miles north of Singapore on the mainland. Moreover, the British official service from Rugby is not relayed from Pwning, as might be supposed, but is distributed throughout the country over the telegraph wires. We read with envy of successful broadcasting ventures in India and Ceylon, and one optimistic but insubstantial gentleman toured the peninsula some time ago in the interests of a concern which he called the Malaya Broadcasting Company, but that scheme faded away, and we are not likely to listen in in this country for a very long time, the main difficulty being, of course, the lack of talent. However, there is a body of expert and enthusiastic amateurs here, and if the idea is ever tried the accumulated results of their experiment and practice will be of considerable value.

The Base and Other Matters.

A variety of amusing stories are going the rounds concerning the activities at the base, all of which show a characteristic inability on the part of the Home authorities to alter cast-iron regulations to meet local conditions. The best of the lot relates that strict instruction arrived from London that the four hundred women coolies employed were to be medically inspected, and accordingly four medical officers were mustered at the base one morning, only to find that the whole female labour force had done a panic-stricken bunk. Incidentally, a letter message to-day states that the Admiralty are negotiating with several firms for the construction of a floating dock for Singapore, and that probably explains the dredging operations which are going on in the Straits.

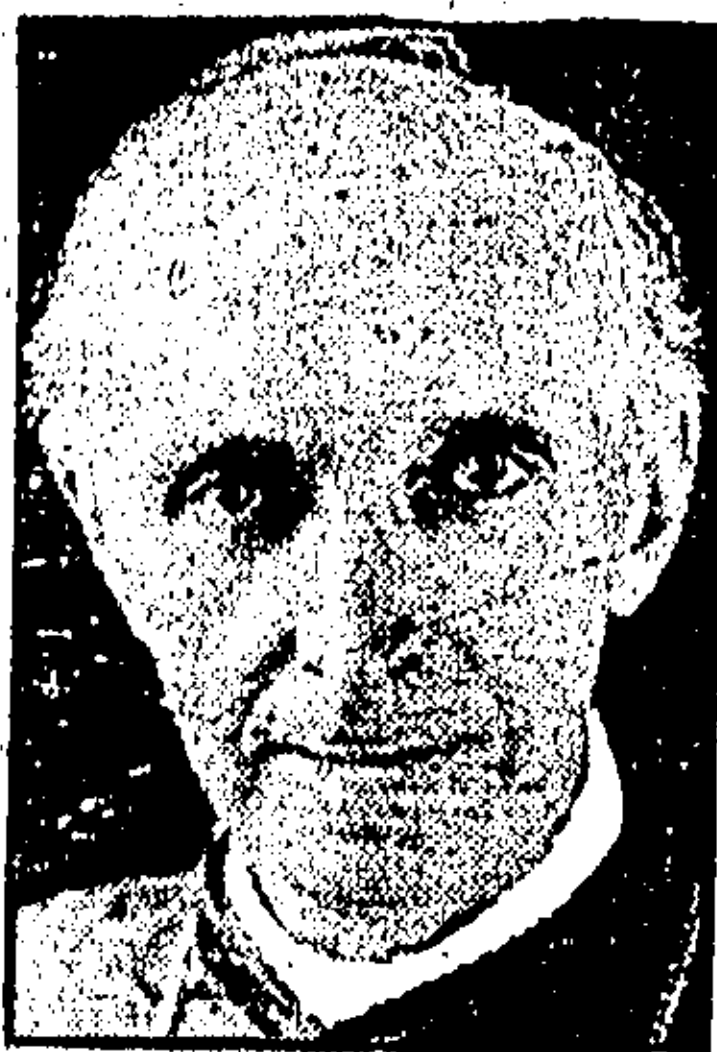
Looking over our local affairs this week, there is little left of any interest. We have had an American anthropologist passing through who intends to study one of the few patches of untouched primitive life left in the Malaya archipelago—the inhabitants of a small group of islands of the west coast of Sumatra. To accomplish his task the intrepid fellow has already learnt to read Dutch, and he intends to tackle Malaya and the local dialects, all in six months.

The eclipse came off very successfully on Thursday, the magnitude being .88 in Singapore, and the observations at Benecolen, on the west coast of Sumatra, where most of the expeditions were located, were apparently very good, but at the other end of the totality area, which the Dutch astronomers had chosen, cloudy weather prevailed.

The inquest into the mysterious death of a Norwegian named Schroeder from opium-poisoning in a local hotel is still unfinished, but the evidence points irresistibly to the conclusion that the deceased was engaged in opium smuggling on a grand scale from Shanghai, and that no doubt explains why the police investigations into the affair have been so unusually prolonged.

The story that a hotel boy had confessed to the murder of an Australian lady in a hotel at Garoot, a Java hill resort, has been denied. This lady, the wife of a diplomatic official in Sydney, was very brutally and scientifically murdered, and the assassins have apparently covered up their tracks completely.

IN THE NEWS.



Cardinal Mercier, whose death at Brussels is reported. The late Cardinal was Archbishop of Malines for eighteen years.



Mr. Frank Smith, the well-known referee and member of the Hongkong F.A. Council, who left for Home on Saturday.

BRITISH POLITICS.

IMPORTANT SPEECHES THIS WEEK.

Rugby, Jan. 24.
As is usual during the period immediately preceding the opening of Parliament, there has, during the past few days, been a marked increase in political activity in many constituencies and during this week the Prime Minister will deliver a series of speeches to which the Press attaches much importance.

To-morrow night Mr. Baldwin will address a party gathering in London and it is anticipated the speech will deal primarily with party organization questions. At the conclusion he will leave for Stirling and will speak on the question of housing in Scotland. On Wednesday, at Sunderland, he will speak on the industrial situation. He will return to London on the following night and will preside at a Cabinet meeting on Friday at which the final terms of the King's Speech for the opening of Parliament on February 2 will be approved.

The most important speeches this week-end have been those of Lord Oxford and Mr. Lloyd George. Lord Oxford in his speech, which was made at Hull last night, characterized the suggestion of a Liberal alliance with Labour as a fabric compound of imagination and ignorance. Referring to the land question he agreed that among the Liberals there were differences of opinion on the proposals by Mr. Lloyd George's committee for rural land reform. He entertained the hope, however, that after the free and frank discussion now proceeding, a general agreement might be reached. Mr. Lloyd George, speaking at Cardiff, also expressed strong hopes that a compromise that would have all Liberals behind it might be reached at a Liberal conference on the land question next month.—*Prick Wireless.*

SYRIAN OPERATIONS.

REBELS ROUTED AT NOHARA.

Paris, Jan. 24.
A communique from Syria states that the French troops attacked rebels hidden in the Nohara region who were routed and fled towards the mountains leaving over a hundred dead. The flag Fycaillon was captured and on being exhibited at Homs is said to have made a great impression on the populace.—*Indopacific.*

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From	Per	Due
Shanghai	Kanchow	January 25.
Straits	Suwa Maru	January 25.
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	City of Bedford	January 25.
Australia and Manila	Changto	January 27.
Japan	Atsuta Maru	January 27.
Europe via Negapatam (letters only, London 31st Dec, 1925.)	Fulda	January 29.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai Pres. Jackson		January 29.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and S'hai Pres. Adams		February 1.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and S'hai Siberia Maru		February 1.
Australia and Manila	Tanda	February 6.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Manila	City of Bedford	Tues, Jan. 26, 2.30 p.m.
Amoy	Tiawa	Mon, Jan. 25, 5 p.m.
Port Bayard, Hoihow and Haiphong	Loosang	Tues, Jan. 26, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia (Letters and postcards specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only)		
Luang	Suwa Maru	Tues, Jan. 26, 10 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles		
	Dardanus	Tues, Jan. 26.
	Registration	1.45 p.m.
	Letters	2.30 p.m.
	(Due Marseilles, 24th February)	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	Tues, Jan. 26, 2 p.m.
Shanghai	Tiwaning	Tues, Jan. 26, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Anking	Tues, Jan. 26, 5.30 p.m.
Swatow	Chusan	Wed, Jan. 27, 9.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Yusan	Wed, Jan. 27, 10 a.m.
Swatow and Amoy	Van Cloon	Wed, Jan. 27, 10 a.m.
Japan	Philoctetes	Wed, Jan. 27, 10.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Pooksang	Wed, Jan. 27.
	Parcels	Noon.
	Letters	1 p.m.
Shanghai	Yokohama Maru	Thurs, Jan. 28, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America, and Europe via Victoria, B.C.		
	Pres. Madison	Thurs, Jan. 28.
	Parcels	noon.
	Registration	2.45 p.m.
	Letters	3.30 p.m.
	(Due Victoria, B.C., 16th February)	

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.